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Storms expected to pound county

The Daily Journal

While it's a little too late to make it a white Christmas, or a white New Year for that matter, with harsh winter storms in the forecast, the first weekend of 2008 looks to more than make up for the slight.

According to the Lake County Sheriff's Department, the storm that began Thursday is expected to continue into this morning and bring with it rain, wind and mountain snow.

Arlena Moses, a meteorologist for the National Weather Service in Eureka, said the Ukiah Valley can expect another, colder

Extreme weather tips

•Keep insurance policies, documents and other valuables in a safe-deposit box. •Store supplies at work, home and car in

handy locations: --First aid kits and essential medicines. --Food (packaged, dried, canned or food for

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pounding that should last through the weekend beginning this evening.

"We're looking at another cold air storm sys-

3,000 feet is where we're looking at accumulations. They could see between two to three inches late Friday into Saturday.

Moses said the winds associated with the front have caused a high surf warning to be issued by the NWS from late today through

"If they are along the coast we also have high surf coming in," she said. "People should stay away from water while the warning is in

Moses said the front will continue to carry brisk winds with it as it moves through the udjrb@pacific.net.

tem for Friday," she said. "For people above area. "We're definitely seeing some breezy conditions," she said. "We've seen some gusts up to the 30s and 40s (mph) in higher areas.'

Moses said as the system moves through the area, the possibility of flooding will increase in low lying areas.

"We could see some ponding of water on roadways," she said. "Definitely we could see some rises in some smaller creeks and streams. We do have a flood watch for coastal Mendocino for the Navarro River between Friday and Saturday.'

can be reached at RobBurgess

It's a girl

First baby of 2008 at local hospital arrives one day after New Year

1st baby stats

Samantha Ramey

Born:

8:12 a.m. Jan. 2 at Ukiah Valley Medical Center

Weight: 7 pounds, 6½ ounces

Length: 18 inches

Mom and baby reported doing well



Ukiah Valley Medical Center welcomed its first baby of 2008 at 8:12 a.m. Wednesday. Carley Ramey-Kid gave birth to a healthy baby girl, Samantha Ramey. The infant was born weighing 7 pounds, $6\frac{1}{2}$ ounces and was 18 inches long at birth. She was warmly welcomed by family and friends, including Carley's first two children. Welcome to the world, Samantha! Happy New Year.

The Daily Journal

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Carley Ramey-Kid gave birth to the healthy baby girl, who weighed in at 7 pounds, 6 1/2 ounces, and was 18

Samantha was welcomed home by her family, including two older siblings.

The first baby of 2007, Paul Baras Jr., beat Ramey by almost a full day by being born at approximately 11:30 a.m. New Year's Day 2007.

The previous year's winner, Drew Bella Mae Snyder, was born even earlier in the new year when she came into the world at 8:27 a.m. Jan. 1, 2006.

Others across the country have made the honor a family tradition.

According to The Associated Press, in 2005, Terri and Mike Gavel of Attleboro, Mass. were the winners of the first baby contest at Sturdy Memorial Hospital for the second time. Their daughter, Kelsey, was born 9:37 p.m. on New Year's Day 2005. The year before, big sister

Rory Ann was born at 12:16 a.m. Jan. 2, 2004.

Kyle and Becky Armstrong, a central Pennsylvania couple, matched that feat by welcoming the first baby of the year for the second time in a row at Gettysburg Hospital on Tuesday. Faith Lynn Armstrong arrived on New Year's Day at 5:23 a.m. Her sister, Kaden Skye, was the hospital's first baby in 2007, also born on Jan. 1.

RAIN WELCOME AT LAKE MENDOCINO

Lake again above **30,000** acre-feet

By BEN BROWN

The Daily Journal

Lake Mendocino has inched back above 30,000 acre feet following a series of rainstorms that swept the county in the last

"The rains have finally come," said Mendocino County Water Agency Director Roland Sanford.

Now that storage is above 30,000 acre-feet, restrictions have been lifted on the amount of water the Redwood Valley Water

District can pump out of the lake.
"It buys us a little more time," said Redwood Valley Water District Director Bill Koehler.

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BILL KOEHLER

Redwood Valley

Water District

director

According to an agreement between the water district and the Sonoma County Water Agency, if the level of the lake drops below 30,000 acre-feet after Oct. 31, the district is required to cut its withdrawals to 50 percent of the average withdrawal for that month.

The water district was directed to make those cuts on Nov. 27, 2007, and shortly thereafter, the water district board voted unanimously to declare a water emergency, allowing the board to call for more strict water conservation mea-

At that same meeting, the board decided to cut all agricultural water use and ask other users to increase voluntary conservation to 40 per-

Koehler said the district is not currently planning to ask for further reductions.

"A lot depends on what happens in the next

two to three weeks," he said. If the county does not get a normal amount of rain this win-

ter, Koehler said the effects could be felt as early as March when farmers and vineyard owners begin to need water for frost protection.

The National Weather Service is predicting that a series of storms will sweep over the county in the next three days and could bring as much as four inches of rain to the Ukiah Valley. As of Thursday morning, close to an inch of rain had fallen in Ukiah.

Water storage in Lake Mendocino fell below 29,000 acrefeet in December before rain began to reverse the trend.

"I would expect to see some significant inflow" into Lake Mendocino, Sanford said of the incoming storms.

Although the net loss of water from the lake has reversed, Sanford said county residents are still urged to conserve water. 'No one is saying 'stop conserving water,'" he said.

Sanford said low water levels in the county could continue to be a reality because of the reduced flow of water out of the Eel River through the Potter Valley Project.

"You're certainly going to have more of what you saw last

Last year, the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission ordered Pacific Gas and Electric to reduce the amount of water diverted out of the Eel River, through the Potter Valley Project and into the lake by 30 percent or risk violating its license.

The loss of 30 percent of the water flowing through the Potter Valley Project, along with a dry winter in 2007, has been blamed for the low storage levels of Lake Mendocino.

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MENDOCINO COUNTY SUPERIOR COURT

Suspect in Willits homicide pleads not guilty

By BEN BROWN The Daily Journal

Michael Marlin pleaded not guilty Thursday to charges of murder in the shooting death of James Redenius.

Redenius was found shot to death in the 200 block of Central Street in Willits on Dec. 17.

According to reports from the Willits Police Department, Marlin's mother told firefighters from the Willits/Little Lake Fire Department that her son had shot

Marlin later turned in himself to the Mendocino County Sheriff's Office.

He was represented in court Thursday by attorney Keith Faulder, who had made a special appearance on Dec. 27, but said at that time he would not decide if he would defend Marlin at trial until he had seen more of the prosecution's evidence

Murder suspect Michael Marlin was represented in court Thursday by attorney Keith Faulder. A preliminary hearing has been set for Jan. 16.

in the case.

Deputy District Attorney Matt Finnegan argued on Dec. 27 that Faulder should not be given any additional evidence unless he took Marlin as a client.

Mendocino County Superior Court Judge Ronald Brown told Finnegan to grant Faulder access to "basic discovery." Faulder made a general appearance

Thursday and requested additional evidence from the prosecution.

On Dec. 28, 2006, Finnegan filed a peremptory challenge asking that Brown be removed as the judge in Marlin's case because he believed Brown was prejudiced against the prosecution, according to the challenge.

Faulder said he did not understand why Finnegan wanted Brown removed as the judge.

'He (Brown) has done more homicide trials than any other judge.'

Brown can still hear portions of the case that are not contested but cannot make decisions on evidence. Brown heard the case on Thursday because it was only for accepting the plea. Further evidence in the case will be heard by Court Judge Superior Henderson.

A preliminary hearing for Marlin is scheduled for Jan. 16.

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HENRY TELMO BARTOLOMEI

Telmo Henry Bartolomei, 85, of Ukiah passed away December 29, 2007 at Ukiah Valley Medical Center with his family present. Henry was born February 20, 1922 in Ukiah.

Telmo was rancher, a proud father and grandfather, and he played AAA Baseball player in his younger years. Telmo was a member of the Farm Ducks Bureau, Unlimited, Cattlemen's and the Son's of Italy. He served his country in WW II as a Sgt. in the Air Force from 1942 – 1946.

Telmo will be remembered by his family for the kindness he showed to evervone.

Telmo is survived by his daughters Denise, Stephanie and Karri of Ukiah, son CJ of Red Bluff, nephews Brent of Ukiah and Bill of El Cajon, sister Dora Lynch of Ukiah, grandchildren Kara, Tèa, Henry, Megan, Halle, Reba and Ava. Telmo is also survived by numerous nieces, nephews and cousins. He was preceded in death by his parents Edon & Dosola Bartolomei.

A memorial service will be held on Monday, January 7, 2008 at the Eversole Mortuary at 11:00AM.

Arrangements under the direction of the Eversole Mortuary 462-2206

POLICE REPORTS

The following were compiled from reports prepared by the Ukiah Police Department. To anonymously report crime information, call 463-6205.

ARREST -- Charles Thurman, 44, of Ukiah, was arrested on suspicion of burglary, theft, receiving stolen property and possession of paraphernalia at 11:22 a.m. Wednesday.

Those arrested by law enforcement officers are innocent until proven guilty. People reported as having been arrested may contact the Daily Journal once their case has been concluded so the results can be reported. Those who feel the information is in error should contact the appropriate agency. In the case of those arrested on suspicion of driving under the influence of an intoxicant: all DUI cases reported by law enforcement agencies are reported by the newspaper. The Daily Journal makes

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Obama, Huckabee win Iowa caucuses

By DAVID ESPO and **MIKE GLOVER Associated Press Writers**

DES MOINES, Iowa Sen. Barack Obama, bidding to become the nation's first black president, captured the Iowa caucuses Thursday night, opening test in the race for the 2008 Democratic nom-

ination. Mike Huckabee rode a wave of support from evangelical Christians to victory in the Republican caucuses. Obama, 46 and a first-term senator from Illinois, eased

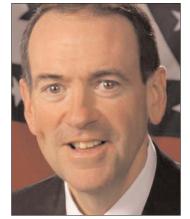
past a high-powered field that included Sen. Hillary Rodham Clinton of New York, the former first lady, and former Sen. John Edwards of North Carolina, the party's 2004 vice presidential nominee.

Republicans, Among Huckabee, a preacher turned politician, handily defeated Mitt Romney despite being outspent by tens of millions of dollars, and deciding in the campaign's final days to scrap television commercials that would have assailed the former Massachusetts governor.

Obama, who campaigned as an apostle of change in Washington, was gaining 36 percent support among Democrats. Edwards, who ran promising to battle the special interests in the capital, and Clinton, who stressed her experience, both were drawing about 30 percent.

Huckabee's triumph was more robust. He was winning 34 percent support, compared to 25 percent for Romney. Former Sen. Fred Thompson and Sen. John McCain battled for third place.

Romney sought to frame his defeat as something less than that, saying he had trailed Huckabee, a former Arkansas governor, by more than 20 points a few weeks ago. "I've





Republican Mike Huckabee and Democrat Barack Obama were the winners of Thursday's lowa caucuses, the opening test in the race for the 2008 presidential nominations.

able to make up ground and I intend to keep making up ground, not just here but across the country," he said.

The words were brave, but already, his strategy of bankrolling a methodical campaign in hopes of winning the first two states was in tatters — and a rejuvenated McCain was tied with him in the polls in next-up New Hampshire.

Iowans rendered their judgments in meetings at 1,781 precincts from Adel to Zwingle, in schools, firehouses and community centers where the candidates themselves could not follow.

In interviews as they entered the caucuses, more than half of all the Republicans said they were either born-again or evangelical Christians, and they liked Huckabee more than any of his rivals. Romney led handily among the balance of the Iowa Republican voters, according to the survey.

About half the Democratic caucus-goers said a candidate's ability to bring about needed change was the most

been pleased that I've been important factor as they made up their minds, according to the entrance interviews by The Associated Press and the television networks. Change was Obama's calling card in the arduous campaign for Iowa's backing. Fewer voters cited experience, which Clinton said was her strong suit, or a candidate's chance of capturing the White House or ability to care about people like the voters themselves.

> While Republicans and Democrats both looked to Iowa to pass the first judgment of the election year, there was a key difference in the way they ran their caucuses. Republicans took a straw vote, then tallied the results. Democrats had a more complicated process in which one candidate's supporters might eventually wind up backing another contender.

> Clinton, Obama Edwards had all urged voters to consider them if their own candidate fell short. Rep. Dennis Kucinich of Ohio publicly urged his backers to line up with Obama on a second round, and two Democrats

Gov. Bill Richardson did likewise as the caucuses unfolded. Those two spoke on condition of anonymity, citing private discussions.

The Democratic race was as close as the Republican contest was not.

Obama and Clinton each sought to make history, he the most viable black presidential candidate in history, she a former first lady bidding to become the first female commander in chief. Edwards battled them to a standstill, fighting to improve on the secondplace finish in the 2004 caucuses that was good enough to land him the vice presidential slot on the Democratic ticket.

Their rivals, Sens. Chris Dodd of Connecticut, Joseph Biden of Delaware, Richardson and Ohio Rep. Dennis Kucinich, got little to show for their effort, and it seemed possible the field would grow smaller before New Hampshire votes on Tuesday.

With President Bush constitutionally barred from seeking re-election, both parties had wide-open, costly campaigns.

Obama, a first-term senator, stressed a need for change. Clinton boasted of her experience as she worked to follow her husband into the White House. Edwards cast himself as the implacable enemy of special interests as he aimed to improve on last time's second-place showing in the

Romney, former Massachusetts governor, stressed his background as a businessman and organizer of the 2002 Olympics, and he worked to persuade conservatives to ignore his earlier positions on abortion and gay

said aides to New Mexico rights. He ran the only commercials of the campaign critical of a rival, hitting Huckabee for his positions on immigration and the pardons he issued while governor of Arkansas.

Huckabee, an ordained Baptist minister, pinned his hopes on evangelical conserv-

Arizona Sen. McCain, Rep. Ron Paul of Texas and former Tennessee Sen. Thompson were also on the ballot, although their aides made no claim they were in the running for a first-place finish. So, too, Rudy Giuliani, the former New York mayor who largely abandoned the state in the campaign's final days.

At stake Thursday night in Iowa were 45 delegates to the Democratic National Convention next summer in Denver and 37 to the GOP gathering in St. Paul, Minn. But that was hardly the reason the crowded field of presidential hopefuls devoted weeks of campaigning, built muscular campaign organizations and spent millions of dollars on television advertising in the

For three decades, Iowa's caucuses have drawn presidential hopefuls eager to make a strong first impression, and this year was no different.

Obama, Clinton and Edwards spent at least \$19 million on television advertising among them, and all three capped their campaigns with statewide broadcasts on Wednesday. Romney told supporters in a final daylong swing around the state he had been in 68 of 99 counties since he began his quest for the White House, had spent 55 days in Iowa and spoken before 248 separate audiences.

The world briefly

Lawmaker's letter warned destroying tapes would 'reflect badly' on the CIA

WASHINGTON (AP) — The top Democrat on the House Intelligence committee warned in a 2003 letter that destroying videotapes of terrorist interrogations would put the CIA under a cloud of suspicion, according to a newly declassified copy of the letter.

"Even if the videotape does not constitute an official record that must be preserved under the law, the videotape would be the best proof that the written record is accurate, if such record is called into question in the future," Rep. Jane Harman, D-Calif., wrote in a Feb. 10, 2003 letter to then-CIA general counsel Scott Muller. "The fact of destruction would reflect badly on the agency."

Harman's office released the declassified letter on Thursday, a day after the Justice Department announced it had opened a criminal investigation into the destruction of the tapes. The letter notes that a copy also went to then-CIA Director George Tenet.

Last month, the CIA acknowledged destroying videos showing the harsh interrogation of two top al-Qaida suspects — Abu Zubaydah and Abd al-Rahim CIA Director Michael Hayden said the videos, which were made in 2002,

were destroyed in 2005 out of fear the tapes would leak and reveal the identities of interrogators. Hayden said the sessions were videotaped to provide an added layer of legal protection for officers using tough interrogation methods authorized by President Bush to help break down recalcitrant prisoners.

Texas inmate convicted of sexual assault freed after DNA tests; served 26 years in prison

DALLAS (AP) — Three times during his nearly 27 years in prison, Charles Chatman went before a parole board and refused to admit he was a rapist. His steadfastness was vindicated Thursday, when a judge released him because of new DNA evidence showing he indeed wasn't. The release of Chatman, 47, added to Dallas County's nationally unmatched number of wrongfully convict-"Every time I'd go to parole, they'd want a description of the crime or my

version of the crime," Chatman said. "I don't have a version of the crime. I never

committed the crime. I never will admit to doing this crime that I know I didn't

District Judge John Creuzot, whom defense lawyers credited with shepherding Chatman's case for exoneration through the legal system, recommended that Texas' Court of Criminal Appeals find Chatman not guilty. With several relatives dabbing at their eyes with tissues and cheering, Chatman was released.

"I really can't tell you how I feel," said his aunt, Ethel Barley. "But I can tell you it is a different feeling than I have had in a long time, just to be holding his

Before the crime is officially cleared from Chatman's record, the appeals court must accept the recommendation or the governor must grant a pardon.

Top U.S. diplomat dispatched to Kenya to press leaders for calm following election violence

Either step is considered a formality after Creuzot's ruling.

WASHINGTON (AP) — The top U.S. diplomat for Africa is being dispatched to Kenya to directly press leaders to calm violence that has followed allegations of fraud in President Mwai Kibaki's re-election, the State Department said Thursday.

Jendayi Frazer, assistant secretary of state for African affairs, planned to leave later Thursday for talks with Kibaki and opposition leader Raila Odinga, State Department spokesman Sean McCormack said.

Frazer would not serve as a mediator, McCormack said, but would try to encourage the leaders to get together and work toward a political solution. It was not clear how long Frazer would be in Kenya.

The diplomatic mission comes as the country's political dispute degenerates into ethnic violence pitting Kibaki's influential Kikuyus against Odinga's Luos and other tribes. About 300 people have been killed and 100,000 more displaced. Also Thursday, U.S. Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice urged Kibaki in a

Radical cleric al-Sadr makes overture toward rival Shiite leader in Iraq

phone call to work for a peaceful resolution to the violence.

BAGHDAD (AP) — Representatives of radical Shiite cleric Muqtada al-Sadr met Thursday with officials from his chief rival's party in an effort to cement a tenuous peace agreement the two signed in October after violent clashes between their followers.

It was at least the second formal overture al-Sadr has made to Abdul-Aziz al-

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What's Playing

THURSDAY

DJ DANCE MUSIC -- DJ dancing; Perkins Street Lounge; 228 E. Perkins St., Ukiah; 9 p.m. to 2 a.m. no

DJ MARK ANTHONY -- Mixed music; Scotty's Café; 720 N. State St., Ukiah; 3 p.m. to 7 p.m.

TERRY BLAKSTAD -- Mix of blues and rock and roll; Shanachie Pub; 50 S. Main, Willits; 8 p.m.; no cover, tips welcome; 459-9194.

FRIDAY

DJ DANCE MUSIC -- DJ dance music with Smokin' Joe; Perkins Street Lounge; 228 E. Perkins St., Ukiah; 9

KIM MANNING & ERIC LEVY -- live performance; Shanachie Pub; 50 S. Main, Willits; 9 p.m.; \$10 cover; 459-9194.

SATURDAY

DJ DANCE MUSIC -- DJ dance music with Smokin' Joe; Perkins Street Lounge; 228 E. Perkins St., Ukiah; 9

KARAOKE -- Live entertainment; Yokayo Bowl; 1401 N. State St., Ukiah; 7 to 11 p.m.; no cover; 462-8686.

DAN MEYER & THE MISDORMEANORS OF JAZZ --Eclectic mix of jazz, swing and folk; Shanachie Pub; 50 S.

Main, Willits; 9 p.m.; \$5 cover; 459-9194.

BELTONES BAND** -- Dance music; Ukiah Senior** Center, Bartlett Hall; 495 Leslie St., Ukiah; 7 to 10 p.m.;

\$8 cover; adults 18 and over welcome.

'HUICHOL SACRED PILGRIMAGE TO WIRIKUTA' --Documentary, exhibit and discussion; Grace Hudson Museum; 431 S. Main St., Ukiah; 2 p.m.; free to the pub-

PROFESSIONAL PIANIST CONCERT -- Live performances; Mendocino College Center for the Performing Arts; 1000 Hensley Creek Rd., Ukiah; 7 p.m.; \$10 seniors/students, \$15 general, \$25 "I wanna see the hands" seating; 468-8910.

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MONDAY

MICROPHONE NIGHT -- Sing or play an instrument; Club 711; 711 S. State St., Ukiah; 9 p.m. to 1 a.m.; 462-

TUESDAY

KARAOKE -- Every Tuesday; Perkins Street Lounge; 228 E. Perkins St., Ukiah; 8 p.m.; free.

TAHITIAN DANCE -- Every Tuesday night; Mendocino Ballet Studio; 205 S. State St.; Ukiah; ages 11 to 99; 5:30 to 6:30 p.m.; \$8 to \$11.

WEDNESDAY

ADAM'S CENTER STAGE KARAOKE -- Karaoke night at Yokayo Bowl; 1401 N. State St., Ukiah; 7 to 11 p.m.; family hours 6 to 8 p.m.; no cover; 462-8686.

LÁDIES NIGHT -- Nepalese dance and music by Rai family; Himalayan Café; 1639 S. State St., Ukiah; 467-

OPEN MIC NIGHT -- Open Mic; Ukiah Brewing Co.; 102 S. State St., Ukiah; 8:30 p.m.; free; 468-5898.

Three gifts for the New Year

Remembering the story of the Wise Men and their gifts, I have been thinking about the gifts I would wish for in the New Year. Not gold, frankincense or myrrh, but there are

three other gifts I look for. The first would be time. I would like time not only to volunteer as a coach or tutor, but also time to give back in very personal ways. I wish for time to send the personal letter to a long lost friend, or to make a pot of soup for a neighbor who is not well. I look for time to read a book to a 3-year-old (maybe several times in a row), and time to talk on the phone to old friends who have lost a job, or a parent, or a pet. I would look for the time to write a poem, or a song, or a persuasive col-

umn. I would also wish for an open mind. I want the gift of suspending my disbelief when I talk to people with big dreams. Big dreams always seem improbable, but maybe I could encourage rather than discourage. I would also like to stop being "right" long enough to hear a point of view that I don't readily adopt as my own. There are many groups, all over Mendocino County, who seek to bring people together to solve some of the complex problems that



Giving Back By Susanne Norgard

we are facing -- land use, drugs, the economy. The gift of an open mind is being sought by many people who understand that partisanship has not solved many of our local problems, and we must open our minds to new alternatives and reach out across the aisles.

The third gift I desire is public space -- and this is a gift that is becoming more abundant year by year. A highlight of my year was the opening of the Pudding Creek Trestle -- a foot and bicycle bridge that opens up the coastal trail from Fort Bragg to Ten Mile. This public walkway has been a source of joy,

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Boy Scout Troop #77, along with their dads and landscaper Greg Krouse, all pitch in to plant drought resistant plants in the Cancer Resource Center's new healing gardens.

Watch our garden grow

By CLAUDIA CROSETTI Special for the Journal

The next time you drive, bike or walk down Dora Street, please take notice of the Cancer Resource Centers of Mendocino County located on the corner of Dora and Jones Streets.

The grass has been removed and replaced by rolling mounds and meandering pathways making room for drought-resistant California native plants and river rock. You can continue to "watch our garden grow" on the CRCMC website at www.crcmendocino.org. Pictures of the garden's progress will be updated regularly as new changes

The garden's design has been donated by landscaper, Greg Krouse. He is working to help make this healing garden vision into a reality together with young men from Boy Scout Troop #77,

who are working to earn their staff, this recent garden pro-Life Scout badges.

Have you broken any dishes during this holiday season? Save them. On Jan. 12, the Cancer Resource Center will host a workshop creating mosaic stepping stones, which will then be placed in the garden's pathways. The stepping stones will be made in honor or memory of those who have faced cancer in our community. The stones will feature broken tiles, dishes, shells, etc. Eventually, plans for a meditative labyrinth will be set in place and who knows... perhaps more garden art projects will continue to help enliven and strengthen the setting for CRCMC.

When I was diagnosed with cancer at the age of 38, I know I would have benefited greatly had the Cancer Resource Center been in existence at that time. Besides the excellent guidance and counsel offered by CRCMC's

ject would have been just what the doctor ordered in finding escape from my cramped apartment and plunging me into an engaging and fun collaborative activity with other people experiencing the rollercoaster ride that usually comes with a diagnosis. My involvement in this project today, 16 years later,

is benefiting me all the same. In the past months I participated in two creative art-centered workshops sponsored by CRCMC that brought me together with other women who are facing cancer. Our spirits were lifted as we worked with colorful, fun materials, creating totem dolls during the first session and colorful collages in the second session. The day-long workshops flew by for me as we formed most beautiful and meaningful objects, and not a one of us particularly experienced in the visual arts. Now,

as I anticipate creating mosaics and watching our garden evolve, my dark winter nights are filled with greater joy and I look forward to a fruitful and fun spring season to come.

If you are interested in becoming involved or sponsoring workshops for the CRCMC Garden Project, please contact Project Assistant, Leanna Sweet, at 467-3828. CRCMC extends our ongoing gratitude to the following people and organizations that have provided financial and other contributions: The Kiwanis Club of Ukiah, Dennis McClure and Boy Scout Troop #77, Greg Krouse and Garden Crew, Susan Sher, Mendocino College, and Susan Bradley.

Claudia Crosetti is a Cancer Resource Center Advisory Board Member and volunteer for the Inland office, located at 590 S. Dora Street, Ukiah.

COMMUNITY BRIEFS

Mendocino County Veterans Service Office seeking volunteer drivers

The Veterans' Service Office in Ukiah is looking for volunteer drivers to drive veterans from Ukiah to the Veterans Medical Center in San Fransisco.

A regular California drivers' license is regired. This is an opportunity to get to know veterans in the community and to give something back to those who have served.

Their office is looking for someone who is willing to drive one day a week. For more information, call their office between 8 a.m. and 5 p.m. any weekday.

United Way of Sonoma-Mendocino-Lake Counties seeks funding proposals

As part of the United Way Community Impact Agenda, United Way of Sonoma-Mendocino-Lake is requesting funding proposals from all agencies in Sonoma, Mendocino, and Lake

- Counties providing services in our four Focused Funding areas: After-school and summer programs focused on youth in
- grades four through eight; • Parenting and social-skills training for parents;
- Emergency food and shelter, transitional and permanent supportive housing programs; and

• Senior food and mental-health programs.

Contact Chanda Zirkelbach, Vice President of Community Impact at 528-4485 ext.110 or via e-mail at chanda.zirkelbach@uwsml.org for more information and to learn how to access our online-application website.

There will be an applicant orientation Feb. 1, from 2 to 4 p.m. at the Santa Rosa Transit Department Training Room 103, located at 45 Stony Point Road, Santa Rosa.

Temporary Assistance Program seeking winter-weight clothing

The Temporary Assistance Program at the Ukiah Community Center, which provides personal care items like shampoo, blankets, tents and clothes to those in need, is no longer accepting regular clothing donations.

The response this year has been incredible, with clothing donations coming in regularly. But even with this year's excellent response, the Temporary Assistance Program is still looking for winter coats, blankets, sleeping bags and tents.

Those interested in providing donations to the Temporary Assistance Program can do so by contacting Veronica School academic adviser, counselor, teacher or principal.

Moynahan at 462-8879, or by visiting the Ukiah Community Center at 888 N. State St. during regular business hours. The UCC is open from 8 a.m. until 12 p.m. and from 1 p.m. until 5 p.m. Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday. The UCC is open from 10 a.m. until 12 p.m. and 1 p.m. until 5 p.m. on Thursdays.

Mendocino Animal Hospital seeks aid for injured stray

A man walking his dog was alerted to an injured cat hiding under some bushes at the Calpella Elementary School on Sunday Dec. 23.

This good samaritan paid the emergency fee for Mendocino Animal Hospital to take this wounded stray in. Working with Anderson Valley Animal Rescue, the cat's new name is Nick, and he is currently awaiting surgery to aputate his nerve-damaged front leg. He will be neutered at that time, as well as having a microchip placed by AVAR.

He will recover with a foster home until an adoptive home can be found. If anyone wishes to donate to his surgery or is interested in adoption, contact Kathy at Mendocino Animal Hospital, 462-8833.

Mendocino county high school seniors offered scholarship

The Foundation for Medical Care of Mendocino/Lake Counties to offer a scholarship to Mendocino County High School Seniors, for class of 2008.

Dr. Robert Rushton, President of the Foundation, is please to announce this years' 2008 Scholarship fund of \$5,000 will be offered to a Mendocino County High School Senior.

The Scholarship is offered to a graduating student who is seeking a career in medicine, i.e., becoming a physician, nurse and or/other related health care fields.

To be eligible, students must have proof of enrollment into an academic institution.

Last year, the Foundation Scholarship was awarded to Kathryn King, of Kelseyville High School. The Foundation has also awarded a \$5,000 Scholarship to the Mendocino Community College Nursing Program. The Nursing Scholarship will be administered by the Mendocino College Registered Nursing Program.

Applications have been mailed to all High Schools in

Mendocino County. The deadline for the application is May 1. For more information call Robert L. Faulk, Executive Director of the Foundation for Medical Care at 462-7607, or fax 462-1206, email, mendolake_medsoc@yahoo.com.

All interested students must be recommended by a High

The Ukiah Daily Journal

Letters from our readers

Save us from a little knowledge

To the Editor:

A little learning is a dangerous thing; Drink deep, or taste not the Pierian spring; For shallow draughts intoxicate the brain And drinking largely sobers us

- Alexander Pope

Mark Scaramella's tirade against modern viticulture makes a number of claims, the primary ones being:

Water is taken without any control.

Had Mark ever attempted to acquire a water right to divert from a stream or impound runoff in a pond, he would have found a great deal of regulatory oversight and restrictions limiting his ability to negatively impact the environment. Of course, he could outlaw it if he wanted to and take his chances on being caught and penal-

Dry farming is better than irrigated farming. While singing the praises of dry farming, he neglects to mention that the primary tool of dry farming is clean cultivation to prevent any water from being lost from the soil to the other ground cover plants. This results in bare soil all summer which, upon the first heavy rains, is mobilized and runs off into the streams clogging the gravels and suffocating the developing fish eggs. Another environmental negative is the destruction of the soil organic matter and release of its stored carbon into the atmosphere. Irrigated viticulture makes it possible to maintain a year round cover on the soil building organic matter, improving water infiltration to recharge groundwater, and holding the soil in place during rain events eliminating sediment transport to streams.

Low density plantings are good. High density plantings are bad. European plantings are low density. European vineyards are, for the most part, high density because they are on the poorer soils and the vines don't get very big. They also receive rainfall during the summer and are not otherwise irrigated. Should Mark have his way and our vineyards were planted to 450 vines to the acre instead of 900, then twice as much land would be planted to produce the same quantity of fruit. The amount of land planted is a response to the amount of demand for the crop. If people weren't buying and drinking wine, no one would be planting grapes. As the growth of the market takes place, it is more desirable to increase the productivity of existing land than taking more land under cultivation.

High yields are bad. It is difficult to find any value in a criticism of increased productivity. If we are to maintain a livable planet and support the growing human population, then it is through productivity increases that we will succeed.

Wine is not food. Perhaps Mark's only exposure to wine has been to get plowed. The vast majority of people throughout history have used wine as part of a meal. The health benefits of such a diet are well established.

"When conservation isn't conservation" is when people long on rhetoric and short on knowledge try to tell the rest of the world how to live. Save us from those who would save us.

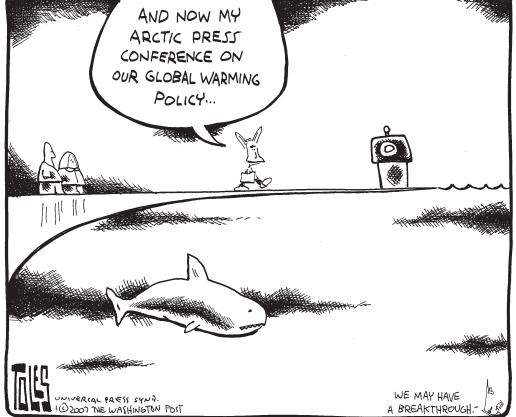
> **Alfred White** Ukiah

THANK YOU LETTER POLICY

Editor's note: The Daily Journal welcomes letters of thanks from organizations and individuals. We are glad that so many successful events are held here. However, thank you letters must be kept short. For that reason we have a 20-business name limit per letter. If your letter lists more than 20 businesses it will not be printed. Shorter thank you letters which do not contain lists of participants or donors will be printed more quickly. Those wishing to thank long lists of people and businesses are welcome to contact our advertising department for help with a thank you ad.

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No easy answer to deficit

Last November, the nonpartisan legislative analyst warned that the California economy, struggling under the weight of the nationwide housing crisis, would generate lower-than-expected revenues to fund state operations through the current fiscal year and the next.

As a result, legislative analyst Elizabeth Hill said, the state faced a likely "operating deficit" -- the difference between spending commitments and expected income -- of nearly \$10 billion over the next year and a half.

In early December, word leaked out that the administration of Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger expected the gap to be worse -- \$14 billion or more.

Has our economy softened that much? If so, what does that mean for the people who rely on state-funded programs and services? Or for the health care reform package crafted by the Governor and Assembly Speaker Fabian Nunez?

The Assembly voted to approve the reform package, known as the "Health Care Security and Cost Reduction Act," on December 17.

But as much as I desire health care reform, I also support Senate leader Don Perata's decision to delay Senate action on the plan until January -- and until the legislative analyst has had a chance to determine whether implementation of this particular package might further strain the state budget.

And I agree with Perata's assertion that it would be "imprudent and impolitic to support an expansion of healthcare coverage without knowing how we're going to pay for vital health programs the state now provides for poor children, their families and the aged, blind and disabled."

Economists say the housing crisis has delivered a one-two punch: a reversal of the rapid increases in prices for California homes, and a record rate of foreclosures on homes purchased through

Another voice BY SEN. PAT WIGGINS

sub-prime or other shaky loans made to people no longer able to make their mortgage payments.

The result? A precipitous decline in property tax revenues flowing into government coffers.

We should have a clearer picture of where things stand when the Governor presents his proposal for a new budget to the Legislature on January 10.

Schwarzenegger says he will also declare a "fiscal emergency" on January 10, and that he will further use the occasion to call a special legislative session on the budget (a move that may enable lawmakers, and his administration, to address the projected deficit more quickly than usual).

The Governor has already instructed the heads of state agencies to propose 10 percent spending cuts across the board, an approach which -that some programs and services are in fact be more critical than others.

Some Republican lawmakers advocate cutting from areas which draw the lion's share of state spending -- K-12 education and higher education, health and human services, transportation and public safety.

However, most state spending is mandated by voter-approved initiatives or federal laws over which we have little or no control, meaning that there is no way for us to cut our way out of a \$14 billion deficit without harming children, the elderly, the disabled or other vulnerable individuals.

We are not just talking about the cost of programs and services here: The deficit partly reflects repayment of bond debts, debts that have increased significantly in recent years.

It reflects a bit of history as well. In 2003, thenGovernor Gray Davis, facing a significant budget gap as well, restored vehicle license fees (or VLF) to their levels under his predecessor, Pete Wilson. Critics pummeled Davis for "raising" the "car tax," attacks which no doubt contributed to his defeat in the recall election later that year.

In his first action as the governor, Schwarzenegger rolled the VLF back again. But because he did so without offering up an alternative source of revenue (the VLF had been used to pay for local services such as police and fire), he helped drill a \$6 billion hole in the state bud-

I raise these points not to assign blame, but to highlight the fact that the budget deficit has many contributing causes and thus calls for a comprehensive fix.

Legislative while perhaps tempting -- Elizabeth Hill has suggested fails to recognize the fact that we eliminate some recently established state programs, abolish tax breaks, raise taxes, and reduce benefits for people who rely on government programs.

> I am not ready to endorse any particular strategy, but I think it's important for the Governor and Legislature to keep all options for addressing the deficit on the table. I also think it's imperative that we do all we can to protect the most vulnerable among us.

> Health reform care remains as important as ever, but we must make sure that any progress we make in that area does not widen the budget gap or drain precious resources from those who can least afford to lose them.

> Senator Patricia Wiggins (D - Santa Rosa) represents California's 2nd Senate District, which includes portions or all of Humboldt, Lake, Mendocino, Napa, Solano & Sonoma counties.

From the desk of ...



GEORGE WILL

Rangel's tax challenge

"I was in South Carolina recently and a (black) guy brought me his grandson and said he was so excited to have the kid shake the hand of the chairman of the powerful Ways and Means Committee. And the kid grabbed my hand and asked, 'What was the Ways and Means Committee?' And the grandfather said, 'I don't know but it's awesome."

-- Charles Rangel,

quoted in National Journal

On the eve of the Democrats' capture of the House in the 2006 elections, Rangel, the Harlem congressman, was asked if he would want to be addressed as Mr. Chairman. He replied, "I don't want to be treated any differently than any other world leader." He has a sense of humor as well as a sense of his place at the epicenter of the debate that will rage as the Bush tax cuts approach expiration in 2010.

At 22, Rangel was a high school dropout pushing a hand truck in Manhattan's garment district, but he also was a war hero -- the "since" in the title of his memoir "And I Haven't Had a Bad Day Since" means since Korea. By 30, he was a high school, college and law school graduate. At 77, the ebullient legislator has opened the tax debate with a proposal that suggests something startling: Regarding two matters, Rangel is a Reaganite. Ronald Reagan opposed using the tax code "as a means of achieving changes in our social structure." Rangel -- in his 19th term, a man of House proprieties -- says "I don't think the tax code should be a substitute for the appropriations process in making social change." Social policy should be, he thinks, the province of "the standing committees." The question for tax writers "is not just what is fair and equitable but what is good for the economy.'

Furthermore, Rangel proposes reducing the corporate tax rate from 35 percent to 30.5 percent, a rate that still would be higher than the average corporate rate among major industrialized countries. Rangel would entertain arguments for an even lower rate if compensatory revenues could be found.

The rate actually should be zero, for three reasons: Corporate taxation discourages investment by reducing the return on capital; it is a hidden tax passed along to corporations' customers; it is double taxation because corporate earnings are taxed again as dividends. Still, it is heartening that the Democratic chairman of the tax-writing committee favors reducing corporate America's tax burden.

It also is heartening that Rangel bothers to define (sort of) a four-letter word that many Democrats, who rarely define it, treat as a four-letter word: "rich." At what level of income are people rich? It "certainly isn't \$200,000," says Rangel, who insists that under h "very few people making under \$500,000" would not get a tax cut.

Perhaps this is the compassionate liberalism of a Democratic Party that represents the rich: The conservative Heritage Foundation reports that Democrats hold a majority of the wealthiest congressional districts, and that half the richest households (single filers earning at least \$100,000 and married filers earning at least \$200,000) live in states where both senators are Democrats.

Rangel says his proposal is "revenue neutral" and would only "rearrange" taxes. Much depends on how the alternative minimum tax and the Bush tax cuts are dealt with permanently. In any case, there will be a load of compromising on the road to Rangel's horizon.

"It's embarrassing," Rangel says, "what we do to taxpayers" -- embarrassing that so many of them cannot perform their civic duty of paying taxes without hiring a professional preparer. And sometimes, Rangel says, "they owe more to the preparer than they do to the government.'

"I would erase the whole thing," he says, and begin anew by simply asking, "How much money does it take to run the damn government?" Then he would sweetly invite all the interest groups "to come in and defend their preferences." He thinks "a lot of people would have forgotten" why the preferences were granted, so the code might be partially cleaned up "by default.'

More of a Madisonian than a McCainiac, Rangel says, "I really think lobbying is a good goddamn thing." He surely knows, however, that tax reform can also be political reform. Reform should do what was done in 1986 -- simplify, paying for lower rates by closing loopholes. Serious simplification would, in effect, confiscate much of the intellectual capital of those lobbyists -- they are legion -- who live high on the hog by entreating Congress to tweak the tax code for the benefit of clients. Such confiscation would be awesome.

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Hospice of Ukiah thrift store seeking volunteers

The Hospice of Ukiah thrift store is looking for members of the community who would wish to volunteer a couple of hours a week. They have a variety of tasks for the volunteers.

For more information, call 462-3141, or visit the Thrift Store at 724 N. State St., Ukiah.

Mendocino County Child Care Planning Council seeking new members

The next meeting of the Mendocino County Child Care Planning Council will be held on Wednesday, Jan. 9 from 1:30 to 4:30 p.m. in the South East Room at the Mendocino County Office of Education, 2240 Old River Road, Ukiah. The Council is currently seeking new members to serve two year terms as appointed by either the Board of Supervisors or the Superintendent of Schools.

The public is welcome and may use time set aside on the agenda to address the Council. For more information, call Child Care Planning Council Manager, Anne Rosenthol at 467-5143, or visit the http://mcoe.us/d/ch_dev/ccpc.

The Mendocino County Child Care Planning Council provides leadership in identifying child care needs, priorities, and resources. The Council advocates for accessible, affordable, quality child care for all families in the county. The Council promotes collaboration, serves as a convener for policy change and local capacity building, and educates the community about child care issues.

Senior Center to celebrate birthdays on second Thursdays of each month

The Ukiah Senior center will hold a birthday lunch celebration on the second Thursday of each month, with decorations and entertainment. The menu for the Dec. 13 lunch will be chicken enchiladas, rice, beans, salad and fruit. Tim Day will sing and play the piano while participants have lunch, including cake and ice cream. There will also be a free drawing to win

a \$20 gift certificate from "Zack's Restaurant." The lunches will cost \$5 per person, and the center requests that reservations be made by no later than 7:30 a.m. the morning of the lunch.

For more information, or to make reservations, call 468-9256 or 462-4343.

Congressional candidates town hall forum set for Jan. 4

The Alliance for Democracy invites the public to a community meeting setting in the spirit of New England Town Meeting. The forum will start at 7 p.m. with an introduction by each candidate, leading into a 3-question round of responses by each. The questions will concern community organization, economic justice, and national directions, and will be followed by questions from the floor and candidates' answers.

Women in Black will be standing for peace in front of Town Hall from 4:30 to 5:30 p.m., and relevant videos will be screened inside from 5:30 to 7 p.m. inside, with art hangings on display. The event will be videotaped and available to all participants at cost. The intent is to stimulate involvement and widen the debate around community responsibilities and those of elected representatives. Information tables and refreshments will be available, and donations for venue costs will be accepted.

For more information, call Bernie Macdonald at 937-4352.

Senior peer counselor volunteer training set to begin in January

The Mendocino County Health and Human Services Agency, Older Adult System of Care, will provide a 14-week training for volunteers who would like to become Senior Peer Counselors. The training is scheduled to begin in January 2008, and will be held in Little River, at the Lodge at the Woods. The trainings will take 3 hours per week.

Senior Peer Counselors are men and women 55 and older, from diverse backgrounds and

experiences, who are selected for their warmth, caring and respect for others. The program provides older adults with the opportunity to talk to someone of their age who has experienced similar life changes and can understand their concerns. Services to the client are provided in the client's home.

Upon graduation from the program, counselors receive bi-weekly supervision and ongoing training. For more information, or an application, call Cathy Lonergan, Senior Peer Counselor trainer, at 962-1048.

Orientation for new WIA program set for Jan. 9

On Wednesday, Jan. 9, 2008, from noon to 12:30 p.m., the Ya-Ka-Ama Indian Education and Development Center will host an orientation for prospective enrollees in its WIA

The WIA Program can help Native Americans or Veterans who are unemployed, underemployed or contemplating a career change, identify their ideal career, find money to pay for training and connect with employers in their new field.

Orientation attendees will learn if they are eligible, how the program works and meet successful graduates. A light lunch will be served.

For more information, or to make reservations, call CJ at 887-1541. Ya-Ka-Ama serves First Americans and Veterans residing in Sonoma, Marin, Napa, Lake and Mendocino counties.

Program series debuts at Senior Center on Jan. 12

The Ukiah Senior Center is sponsoring a new Program Series for the community at no charge. The first Seminar, "A Conversation with Alan Sunbeam," will be held on Jan. 12, from 1 to 3 pm. in Bartlett Hall. Ukiah Senior Center, 495 Leslie St., Ukiah.

Alan Sunbeam, L. Ac. is an Acupuncturist practicing at the offices of Dr. Grace Liu. Topics will include "The History of Chinese Medicine," "What is Chinese Medicine?", "How Does Chinese Medicine Work?", "How is it Different Than Western Medicine?", and "How Does it Combine with Western Medicine?'

Sunbeam has been a licensed acupuncturist for 24 years and involved in massage, herbal medicines and nutrition for over 30 years. Demonstrations will be held during the seminar. For more information, call Betty McGlade

Trail Group workday set for Saturday, Jan. 12

The Ukiah Valley Trail Group will hold a trail workday on Jan. 12. Volunteers are needed to meet at 9 a.m. at the Long's parking lot at Perkins and Orchard in Ukiah to carpool to the Deerwood trailhead. As part of the UVTG's efforts to be responsible stewards of public lands, volunteers will be removing old fencing as well as planting seedlings on a section of old ranch road. Fence posts will be reused on future trail projects and fencing materials will be hauled out. Volunteers should be prepared with sturdy work shoes, gloves, a bag lunch and drinking water. For more information, call Bill Radtkey at 972-8981 or visit their web site at http://www.mendotrails.org.

Presentation of Draft SmartCode set for Jan. 15

The draft 'Form Based' Zoning Code for the Ukiah Downtown/Perkins Street corridor will be presented on Tuesday, Jan. 15, from 4 to 8 p.m., at the Ukiah Valley Conference Center, 200 S. State St., Ukiah. The draft code will be available at the meeting. Call Pamela Townsend, City of Ukiah, at 463-6206 for more information.

Italian night family dinner set for Jan. 18

A family-style dinner will be served at 6 p.m. at the Ukiah Senior Center on Jan. 18, and the menu includes pasta and meat sauce, green salad, garlic bread and dessert. Wine and beer will also be available at \$2 a glass. Food will be prepared by Chef Lillian.

Non-refundable tickets for Italian Night dinner are only \$8, available in at Ukiah Senior Center or by calling 462-4343. This Board of Directors fundraiser is a benefit for the Ukiah Senior Center.

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Giving

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from the day I joined hundreds of others to celebrate its opening, to today when it continues to be a conduit to exhilarating ocean views and moments of quiet reflections. And there are similar public spaces appearing (or continuing to prosper) all over our county -- grange breakfasts, farmers' markets, community

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America's Future

Opening Night - Friday, January 11 - 6:30 p.m.

Why Is There So Much Suffering?

gardens, library book sales, recreations centers, open spaces and trails, skate parks.

Although there is always a tendency to stay in our individual houses, away from the "commons," we are learning to value places where we can come together and share the joys of walking together, talking together, and buying locally produced food and other

We are rediscovering the promenades and fairs that brought our ancestors together

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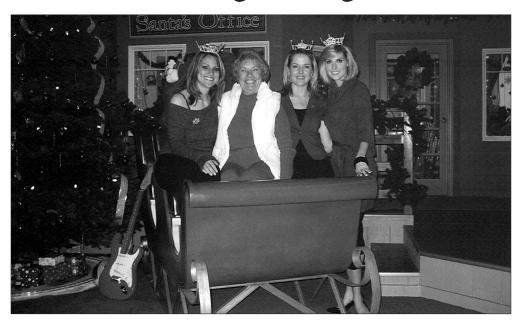
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Miss Mendocino Program tickets now available

Contestants still gathering donations



From the left: Liberty Elgoff, Miss Mendocino County; Verna Jacobs, Executive Director; Sara Ramming, Miss Sonoma County and Melissa Chaty, Miss California 2007

The Daily Journal

Executive Director Verna Jacobs of The Miss Mendocino County 2008 Scholarship Program would like to invite the public to this year's show which will be held on Saturday. Jan. 12 at the Ukiah High School Cafetorium at 7 p.m.

Contestants and committee members are contacting various community businesses to obtain scholarship funds for the seven contestants vying for the title of Miss Mendocino County 2008. Tickets are on sale for the advance price of \$15 at Rod's Shoes and Mendocino Book Company or at the door the night of the pageant.

This evening will celebrate the success of Melissa Chaty, Miss California 2007 just days before she leaves for Miss America in Las Vegas. Each of the contestants will be presenting their talents for the audience as well as competing earlier in the day in a 10 minute private interview with the judging panel, on stage in physical fitness and evening gown competitions along with the on stage question.

This year's contestants are Amanda Baguley, Kayla Hurt, Stephanie Paige, Sara Kollenborn, Krissy Quarles, Katelyn Crawford and India Scofield. They represent Willits, Hopland, Redwood Valley, Covelo

and Ukiah as their residences. Scholarships the past four years have been in excess of \$20,000 and the Scholarship Committee "sincerely hopes the community will again support these lovely young women who seek to help with their college education by winning a scholarship in the local pro-

gram." Every contestant receives a scholarship under Miss America program guidelines. If you'd like to help us keep Mendocino County at the top of the nation in the Miss America Program please contact Verna Jacobs, Executive Director at 462-2025 or one of the contestants to sponsor them.

The winner of Miss Mendocino County 2008 will go on to compete at the Miss California competition in June, and should she win there as Melissa Chatty did, would compete in the Miss America Scholarship Program where she could win a \$50,000 scholarship.

Also presented that evening will be contestants for the titles of Miss North Coast and Miss Northern Counties in the open portion of the local pageant. Contestants from all over California are invited to open pageants and are normally former title holders. Kaleena Quarles, the sixth Miss Mendocino County will be one of those vying for a title.



Ukiah's newest One-Stop Hair Salon





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Kelly Woolley (formerly of Precision 6)



has opened her own Hair Salon Kelly received her cosmetology license 14 years

ago and has worked in a number of shops here in Ukiah. Now she has opened her own salon where she offers: Hair Cuts, Perms, Color and Highlights, Ear Piercingand so much more.

Stop by and check out her new digs!

Hours: Tues-Thurs 9am-6pm, Fri 10am-8pm, Sat. 9am-4pm N. State St. · Ukiah

LOCAL **CALENDAR**

This week:

- TODAY, Mendocino women's basketball vs. Feather River @ 4 p.m.
- TODAY, Mendocino men's basketball vs. Feather River @ 6
- TODAY, UHS boys basketball @ Maria Carrillo beginning with Freshmen at 1:30 p.m. JV plays at 4:30 and then varsity at 7:30.
- TODAY, UHS girls basketball @ Maria Carrillo beginning with freshmen at noon, jv then at 3 p.m. and concluding with varsity at 6 p.m.

COMMUNITY

Mendocino Rugby Club

The Mendocino Rugby Club is on Wednesdays on the segun with any experience and season which begins on January 26th. The team has begun practicing and practices are held on Wednesdays on the softball field at 5 p.m. All people are welcome with any experience level.

Junior Shotgun Clinic
The Ukiah gun club will be hosting a junior shotgun clinic on January 12th from 9 a.m. - 1 p.m.
The Clinic will be available to boys and side between the great of and girls between the ages of 8 and 17. Attendees will learn basic firearm safety, proper firearm storage, the Scholastic Clay Target Program and Basic Fundamentals of American Trap Shooting.
Pizza lunch will be included. The cost:is \$25, and 30 slots are avail-

To sign up call Coach Mann at 743-1141 or Coack Hendricks at 743-2445

Ukiah Gun Club is located on Vichy Springs Road.

Holiday Hoops Clinic

The second annual New Year's Basketball clinic presented by Nor Cal Basketball and the Pomolita Boosters Club will be held at Pomolita Middle School on Jan. 2-4 from 8:30a.m. to 1:00p.m. The Clinic will allow cool miners agos Clinic will allow coed minors ages 7-17 to participate.

Campers will recieve individual instruction in every phase of the game from qualified local coaches. Each camper sill recieve a free Tshirt and Basketball. Walk up registration will be accepted. For more information call 972-7057.

Pony and Colt League Signups

Ukiah Pony/Colt league will be having signups for the 2008 season in conjuction with Little League is for boys and girls ages 13-17 abd all games are located at Anton

Please bring a certified copy of your child's birth certificate and the signup fee of \$75. If you have any questions, call Kris at 468-3800.

North and South Ukiah Little League

Both the North and South Ukiah Little League signups will be held Jan. 16, 17, and 22 from 6-8p.m. in the Yokayo elementary School

All parents must bring the follow ing: an original state or federal cer tified birth certificate, three proof of residency documents, the signup fee of \$55 for the first child and \$50 for each additional sibling, and a \$30 deposit for required service hours in the form of a check.

Players can be no younger than 5 and no older than 12 by April 30 to participate in Little League. Limited scholarships will be available based on financial need.

If you have an question about North Ukiah Little League, you can call the hotline at 468-4232 or visit the website at www.teamz.com/null. For South Ukiah Little League call 468-8800 or visit their website at www.eteamz.com/sull.

Girls Youth Softball League

The City of Ukiah Community Service Department would like to announce the beginning of regis-tration for the 2008 Girls Youth Softball League. Participants may register individually and will be placed on teams according to their

grade level.
The League will be divided into the following divisions: grades K-2 (T-Ball); grades 3 and 4 (pitching machine); grades 5 and 6; and grades 7-12. League play begins in early April and will run through early June. Cost in \$50 per player (sibling discounts and Low Income Discounts are available).

The registration deadline is March 7, 2008 and forms are available at the City of Ukiah (411 West Clay) and www.cityofukiah.com. For more information, call 463-6714.

NFL | RAIDERS

Sapp tells Raiders he's retiring, ending stellar career

By JOSH DUBOW **Associated Press**

ALAMEDA — Warren Sapp told the Oakland Raiders on Thursday that he was retiring, ending the career of one of the best defensive tackles to

play in the NFL.

Sapp told the Contra Costa Times that he phoned Raiders owner Al Davis with the news Thursday. The Raiders had no official comment, but coach Lane Kiffin hinted at Sapp's decision earlier this week.

Sapp, 35, was the quintessential "three technique" tackle during his 13year career, lining up between the guard and tackle and splitting that gap. Few did it better than Sapp, who made seven Pro Bowls, won the AP

Defensive Player of the Year award in against the run, allowing a league-1999, and was a key cog in Tampa Bay's Super Bowl winning defense in the 2002 season.

"Every defensive tackle that's drafted in the top five is supposed to be the next (me)," Sapp said earlier this season. "All of them have that tag. ... I've played the game pretty well, so if I'm the standard by which (they'll) be judged, that's tough, because I'd like to relive that guy, too. He's a bad boy. He's dead now. I give you flashes of him every now and then but, nah, that

guy was sick." After having 10 sacks in 2006, Sapp wasn't as successful this season when he finished with only two. He was also part of a Raiders defense that struggled

worst 4.8 yards per carry.

Sapp was no longer the every-down menace he was during his younger days in Tampa, but he could still pick his spots. In his final game against San Diego, Sapp shot through a gap and hit quarterback Philip Rivers' forearm before he could hand the ball off to LaDainian Tomlinson, causing a fum-

"You get a little older, you can see your weaknesses a little bit more and go about 45-50 plays now," Sapp said late in the season. "But there's still some good gas in the tank and I'm still able to make the plays."

Sapp finished his career with 96 1/2 sacks, the 28th most since the NFL began keeping track of the statistic in 1982. What made that even more remarkable is that Sapp played primarily on the inside at tackle, where sacks are traditionally much harder to come

Sapp was considered a coach on the field by the defensive staff on the Raiders and was viewed as a leader by the young players that surrounded him.

"I felt like having him here made me a better football player," Raiders linebacker Kirk Morrison said. "He was the leader of this defense. They say the middle linebacker is supposed to lead, but the guy has been in the

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MLB | OFFSEASON A's deal Swisher



Oakland A's outfielder, Nick Swisher, was traded to the White Sox on Thursday for three minor league players. Swisher is shown here holding a chunk of grass he dug out of the field after diving for a ball in a game last season. Swisher picked up the divot and carried it with him back to the dugout.

Oakland receives three minor leaguers in return from White Sox

By JOSH DUBOW **Associated Press**

OAKLAND — Billy Beane went into the offseason believing his Oakland Athletics could compete in the AL West again if they just stayed healthier than

last year. Six weeks before spring training opens, the general manager has changed his stance and is beginning a rebuilding project in Oakland.

The Athletics made their second major trade in three weeks, sending outfielder and fan favorite Nick Swisher to the Chicago White Sox for three minor leaguers on Thursday.

The A's — who dealt ace Dan Haren to Arizona on Dec. 14 — received lefthander Gio Gonzalez and right-hander Fautino De Los Santos, along with outfielder Ryan Sweeney.

By trading their best hitter and best pitcher for nine prospects, Beane and assistant GM David Forst have replenished a farm system that had grown thin in recent years.

"I got off the plane from the winter

meetings, I said to David, 'Who are we kidding?" Beane said. "We can't let hope be our strategy here. That's what we're doing. ... We can't waste another year. If this needs to be done, it needs to be done.

The A's will likely take their lumps this season after contending for most of the past decade. Oakland had eight straight winning seasons from 1999-2006, making the playoffs five times, including a trip to the AL championship series in 2006.

But when injuries hit Rich Harden,

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UHS | GIRLS BASKETBALL Wildcats tear through Novato

The Daily Journal

Ukiah's Lady Wildcats Varsity Basketball team started off the Novato Beade-Meaney Tournament with a bang defeating Novato's Hornets 49-19

Thursday, December 27th.
"We started out slow, but by the second half we picked up our defensive intensity and rebounding which led to some transition baskets," said Ukiah head coach, Randy Haralson.

"In the second quarter I went to my version of the twin towers with Carrie Reid and Katie Dhooghe in the game at the same time. Having two girls at 6'2" in the game at the same time makes it very hard for others to match up with us.

With that combo on the floor the Wildcats went from being behind to being in the lead at halftime.

"Novato scored two points in the second half which is a testament to the girls tough defense, hustle and our ability to wear teams down that are not well conditioned," said Haralson.

Top scorers for Ukiah (9-3) were Carrie Reid with a double-double of 14 points and 10 rebounds to go along with one assist. Cassie Baroni had nine points, two rebounds and six assists and Emily Houghton had six points, four rebounds and two assists.

Also contributing for the ildcats were Hillary Wildcats Ruddick (five points, seven rebounds), Katie Dhooghe (five points, 10 rebounds), Ashley Lower (led team with 12 rebounds and also had four points), Jessica Graham (2 points), Dakota Sanderson (two points, three rebounds) and Nayeli Caldera (two points).

NFL | YEAR END AWARDS

Unbeaten regular season lifts Belichick to second AP Coach of Year honor

By BARRY WILNER **Associated Press**

NEW YORK — Spygate be damned! Bill Belichick of the unbeaten New England Patriots is The Associated Press 2007 NFL Coach of the Year.

With the Patriots motivated by a spying scandal — and owning the deepest talent base in football -Belichick guided his team to the first 16-0 regular season in league history.

That was enough to offset the major blemish on Belichick's resume: a \$500,000 personal fine, \$250,000 fine for the team and the loss of a firstround pick in the upcoming draft after the Patriots were caught videotaping New York Jets coaches during the sea-

Spygate didn't stop 29 of the 50 voters on a nationwide panel of media members who cover the NFL from voting for Belichick on Thursday. In a season highlighted by many strong coaching performances, Belichick beat out Green Bay's Mike McCarthy, who

Packers to a 13-3 record and the NFC North title.

"This is definitely a team recognition, but one that I appreciate very much on a personal level," Belichick said in a statement issued by the club. He also won the award in 2003.

"If anyone is deserving of such an award it really is Bill," Patriots owner Robert Kraft said. "I know the energy and effort and planning and time (he puts in). He's had his foot on the pedal all year, just working so hard and always doing everything he can to put the team in a position to win first."

The first coach since Don Shula in 1972 to lead his team through a spotless regular season, Belichick won the award for the second time in four years. In 2003, the Patriots went 14-2 and won their final 12 games. This time, Belichick's team rampaged through the first part of the schedule, then won a handful of close games on the way to 16-0.

"You know, I think back to sitting in

received 15 votes for leading the the stands," Kraft said of his days as a fan before he owned the team, "when we went 1-15 and 2-14. And, you know, I saw the '72 Dolphins, and to see this team perform the way it did this year, and in the end, he is the conductor. And he's got some great players, but he's the conductor and I just think the job he did was superb."

While the perfect journey this season seemed somewhat joyless as the Patriots followed the lead of their detached coach, there was no denying Belichick's ability to motivate. His players used Spygate as a rallying point, cultivating an us-against-them mentality that clearly worked.

Belichick is involved in all personnel decisions, meaning the additions of Randy Moss, Wes Welker and Donte' Stallworth to the receiving corps had his touch.

Plus, Belichick is a master at gameplanning. Add that skill to the deepest offense in the league (a record 589 points, including an NFL mark of 75 TDs) and a stingy defense that yielded 274 points, fifth in the league, and there's, well, perfection.

There are three things that get better with age: good cigars, red wine and to me it looks like coaches who have the ability," Kraft said. "He's really hit his sweet spot and I'm really happy for him personally.

Also getting votes were Dallas Wade Phillips Jacksonville's Jack Del Rio (two each), and Indianapolis' Tony Dungy and Tampa Bay's Jon Gruden (one

The only other Patriots coach to win the award was Belichick's mentor, Bill Parcells, in 1994.

Since joining the Patriots in 2000 after an unsuccessful head coaching stint in Cleveland (36-44), Belichick has turned New England into the center of the NFL universe. The Patriots have won three Super Bowls this decade — no other team has more than one — and are 91-37 in the regular season under Belichick. They have won the AFC East five straight years, with no fewer than 10 victories in any of those seasons.

NFL | CHARGERS

13 years later, **Humphries hopes Bolts** can win a playoff game

By BERNIE WILSON **Associated Press**

SAN DIEGO — Stan Humphries will be watching on TV from his Louisiana home Sunday, wondering the same thing everybody else will be: Is this the year the San Diego Chargers finally win a playoff game?

Humphries guided the Chargers to a stunning upset of the Pittsburgh Steelers in the AFC championship game 13 years ago, and it's been all downhill ever since for the Bolts in the

The Chargers are on a four-game losing streak that started with that bruising 49-26 loss to San Francisco in the Super Bowl on Jan. 29, 1995.

They've been one-and-done three times since then, once under Bobby Ross and twice under Marty Schottenheimer. On Sunday against Tennessee, they'll try to win under Norv Turner, who's 1-1 in the postseason in his 10-year head coach-

Star running back LaDainian Tomlinson has yet to experience a playoff win in his spectacular seven-year career, going

"I feel sorry for him," Humphries said. "I'm hoping it's going to happen this week."

The former quarterback is among those who are puzzled by the Chargers' recent playoff failures.

They lost to the New York Jets in overtime after the 2004 season. Last year, they went an NFL-best 14-2 to wrap up the AFC's No. 1 seed, then melted down in an unfathomable flood of blunders in a 24-21 loss to New England.

'With the talent they have and everything, I don't know," Humphries said. "When you work all year long to get that home game and then to let that slip by, that's hard. I know it's frustrating for those guys but it's not because they're not out there busting it. It's breaks here and there. The other thing about it, you catch teams that are hot at different points."

Humphries knows about that.

Two weeks after Humphries, "Touchdown" Tony Martin, Alfred Pupunu and Natrone Means stunned the Steelers, they were humiliated in the franchise's only Super Bowl.

The 49ers "were almost unstoppable that year," Humphries said. "They got on a roll and they just rolled everybody."

Steve Young tore apart San Diego's secondary so quickly that it took away the Chargers' running game and play-action, and they never caught up.

San Diego barely made it back into the playoffs the next season and was quickly ushered out by Jim Harbaugh and the Indianapolis Colts in a home wild-card game.

"Again, you're talking about a team that got hot," Humphries said. "They got into the playoffs at the end of the year. Harbaugh was leading comebacks and making wild throws at the end of games, and winning games. They were just a team that got hot. We made mistakes that day and they took advantage of it.'

The Colts came within an incomplete pass of making it to the Super Bowl that season.

The Chargers then missed the playoffs for eight long years, a span that included the nightmarish Kevin Gilbride and Ryan Leaf years. Humphries retired after the 1997 season, forced out by concussions.

The Chargers are in the playoffs for the third time in four

General manager A.J. Smith, who has assembled one of the NFL's most-talented teams, refused to be interviewed this week about the playoff failures during his watch.

"He doesn't want to do anything right now. Would prefer to

wait," spokesman Bill Johnston said. Smith certainly is aware of the number.

"We've come pretty far pretty fast, but we're not there," Smith said before April's draft. "We're 0-2 in the playoffs. That doesn't bode well. We'll see what happens this year.'

Asked before training camp about last year's playoff flop, Smith said: "I have a lot of theories as to why we didn't achieve those things, and I don't care to express them right now. That's it, man.'

Perhaps that's a shot at Schottenheimer, whose playoff failings are legendary. His two losses with the Chargers ran Schottenheimer's career postseason mark to 5-13. Schottenheimer and Smith had an icy relationship, and the coach was fired in February by team president Dean Spanos, apparently because he wanted to hire his brother, Kurt, as defensive coordinator.

If it's any consolation to the Bolts, their postseason misery is hardly the worst in the NFL.

Detroit and Kansas City have lost six straight playoff games — Schottenheimer's fingerprints are all over the Chiefs' streak — while the Dallas Cowboys have dropped five straight. Buffalo and San Diego are tied with four straight.

Smith, by the way, was Buffalo's director of pro personnel when the Bills lost the "Music City Miracle" wild-card game to Tennessee on Jan. 8, 2000.

San Diego has won six straight and 10 of 12 overall. Humphries is impressed, but thinks they need to score more points. The Chargers beat the Titans 23-17 in overtime at

Nashville on Dec. 9. "It's going to be tough," Humphries said. "It's going to come down to not allowing a team to have a short field because both

defenses will play well." When the Chargers made it to the Super Bowl 13 years ago,

they thought they'd be back at some point.

"I mean, all those guys, when we got to the Super Bowl, they'd all say, 'Hey, I'm young, I'll be around another seven, eight, nine years, and we'll get back again.' But it just doesn't happen," Humphries said.

Chargers get extension to sell remaining playoff tickets

SAN DIEGO (AP) — The San Diego Chargers received a 24-hour extension from the NFL in an attempt to sell the final 500 tickets for Sunday's playoff game against Tennessee and lift the local TV blackout.

The Chargers have until 1:30 p.m. Friday to sell the remain-

Chargers COO Jim Steeg said he was surprised the game hadn't yet sold out, since every regular-season game did. He said a number of factors were involved, including the holidays and the fact that the Chargers were 7-5 when ticket invoices were sent out.

Prices range from \$110 to \$135.

Steeg said no companies have approached the Chargers about buying the remaining tickets in order to lift the blackout.

NFL | DOLPHINS

Cam canned: Dolphins fire Cameron after 1-15 season

By STEVEN WINE **Associated Press**

DAVIE, Fla. — Cam Cameron was fired as the Miami Dolphins' coach Thursday by new boss Bill Parcells after plunging to an 0-13 start in his first year on the job and finishing with just one vic-

The dismissal comes three days after Parcells ousted general manager Randy Mueller and means the reeling franchise will have its fifth coach in five seasons.

Parcells began work Dec. 27 as executive vice president of football operations and quickly concluded the Dolphins need another fresh start.

It has been 37 years since the Dolphins fired a coach. But they never finished 1-15 before.

All but two members of Cameron's coaching staff were also fired, although some might be rehired by the new head coach, the Dolphins said. Retained were assistant special teams coach Steve Hoffman and linebackers coach George Edwards.

Parcells made the decision to fire Cameron in consultation with new general manager Jeff Ireland, hired Wednesday after seven years in player personnel with the Dallas Cowboys.

'We just felt in order to move forward and not look back, we needed someone in place who shared the same philosophical compatibilities we shared," Ireland said. "We didn't really know the guy that well. We were going to try to get someone that does share those things, and we weren't completely sold that he did.'

Ireland said the philosophy he and Parcells share involves creating a culture of winning.

"We want strong character around here," Ireland said. "The vision of the team will be discipline, passionate players, highly competitive. And we'll be a big team.'

Ireland said he'll have final say regarding all player personnel decisions. The early front-runner to replace Cameron is another Cowboys employee,

assistant head coach Tony Sparano. He's scheduled to interview Friday for the head coaching vacancy in Atlanta.

Ireland said plans for the coaching search were still being formulated.

'We're going to try to make a quick decision, but we don't have a timetable,' Ireland said. "We'll have a broad range of candidates. We'll look into every possibility.'

Less than a year ago, owner Wayne Huizenga hired Cameron over at least 12 other candidates after a two-week search, the most extensive since the franchise's first season in 1966.

Cameron was on the job 11 months before he earned his first victory as an NFL head coach. Until Miami beat Baltimore in overtime Dec. 16, he was in danger of becoming the first coach to go

Miami has missed the playoffs six consecutive seasons, a franchise record.

Other coaches, including some good ones, have been fired after only one season with a team. The list includes Cameron mentor Marty Schottenheimer (Washington in 2001), Art Shell (Oakland in 2006) and Pete Carroll (New York Jets in 1994).

Cameron, who was under contract through 2010, maintained a consistently low-key demeanor with the media and his team. The approach won praise from the locker room during training camp, but as losses mounted, players became coy when asked if they believed in Cameron.

Defensive end Jason Taylor, Miami's only Pro Bowl player, took a neutral stance on the firing.

'We've had a difficult year, and it's one of those times when it's a little unsettling," he said. "As a player on the team,

you can only control what you can, and for other things, you have to let others do

Cameron was hired after five years as offensive coordinator for the high-scoring San Diego Chargers, and the Dolphins' offense improved early in the season. But when John Beck became the third starter at quarterback this year, the unit failed to score a touchdown in three consecutive games, and the rookie returned to the bench.

Cameron took over a team that had gone 19-29 the previous three years and was in decline following a series of bad drafts. Poor depth made this season's wave of injuries catastrophic.

Running back Ronnie Brown led the league in yards from scrimmage when he was sidelined for the season by a knee injury, and Trent Green and linebacker Zach Thomas also went on injured reserve. When 2002 NFL rushing champion Ricky Williams returned from a suspension, he lasted only six carries before a chest injury ended his season.

In addition, top receiver Chris Chambers was traded after six games.

The coach's office became a revolving door in 2004, when Dave Wannstedt quit after nine games and was replaced by Jim Bates. Nick Saban became the coach in 2005 but lasted only two years before leaving for Alabama. He was succeeded

Seven coaches started a season with a team that went 1-15, and only two returned the following year. Jimmy Johnson went 1-15 his first season in Dallas in 1989 but soon was winning Super Bowls, and Mike Riley remained with San Diego despite winning only once in 2000.

Cameron's only other head coaching job was at Indiana, where he was fired after five seasons. His career record as a head coach is 19-52.

NHL Recaps

PITTSBURGH (AP) — Evgeni Malkin had his first NHL three-goal game and the Pittsburgh Penguins put Toronto away with three goals in 48 seconds early in the third period, returning indoors for a 6-2 victory Thursday night that ran their season-best winning streak to five games.

Sidney Crosby assisted on two of Malkin's goals, Petr Sykora had a goal and an assist and Ty Conklin turned aside 33 shots to improve to 6-0 as a starter since being called up from the minors following goalie Marc-Andre Fleury's ankle

The Penguins showed no aftereffects from their physically demanding 2-1 Winter Classic victory Tuesday in Buffalo, the NHL's first regular-season outdoor game in the United States. The players talked during a long practice Wednesday of not getting caught up in the emotion and the aura of the showcase

game, watched by the largest crowd to Alex Ovechkin's seven-game point attend an NHL game.

Panthers 4, Islanders 3, OT UNIONDALE, N.Y. (AP) — Jassen Cullimore's goal 1:37 into overtime snapped Florida's three-game losing

Cullimore ripped a slap shot from the left circle into the top right corner of the net for his first goal of the season.

In his first game back after missing the previous three with a sprained left knee, Islanders goalie Rick DiPietro came out for warmups and played the first period in clean, white leg pads. However, for the second and third periods, he switched back to his old orange, blue and white pads without an explanation.

Bruins 2, Capitals 0

BOSTON (AP) — Tim Thomas stopped 31 shots for his first shutout this season, Marc Savard broke a scoreless tie in the second period and Boston ended

Zdeno Chara added a power-play goal in the third period for Boston, which has won two straight following a six-game losing streak.

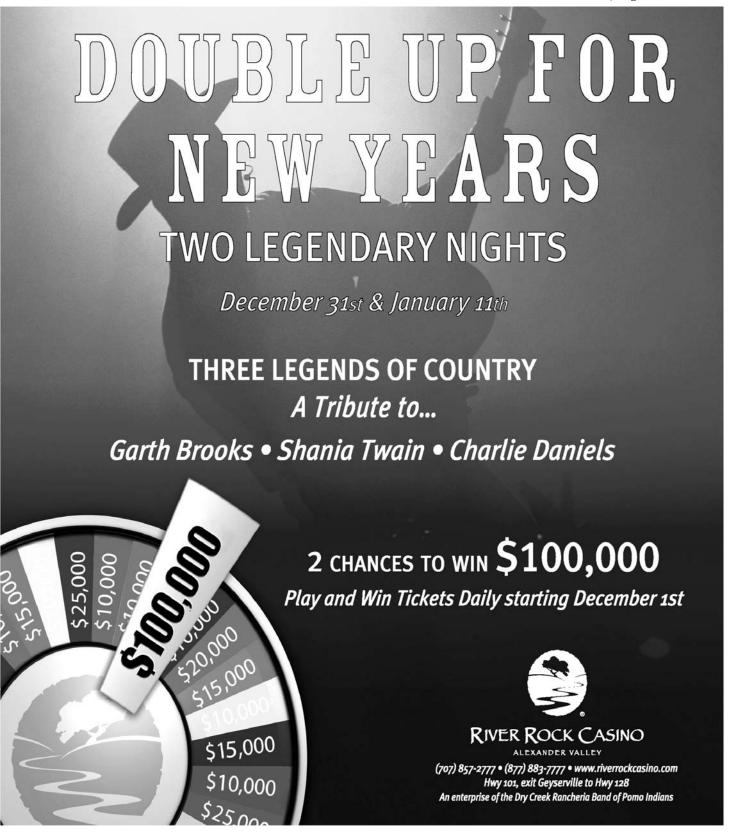
Ovechkin, second in the NHL with 30 goals, was held without a point for just the seventh time this season. He had four goals and three assists in his previous two games, and at least one point in 23 of his past 25. Predators 5, Oilers 2

NASHVILLE, Tenn. (AP) Alexander Radulov scored two goals and Dan Ellis stopped a penalty shot for Nashville.

J.P. Dumont, Jerred Smithson and Jason Arnott also scored for the Predators, who have beaten Edmonton six straight times.

Zack Stortini and Ethan Moreau con-

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COMMUNITY

Youth Soccer League

Ukiah Valley Youth Soccer League is holding there League Membership Meeting Jan. 22, 6:30 at the Consolidated Tribal Health (on North State St between Calpella and Redwood Valley) At this meeting we will elect new Board of Directors for the 2008 season, establish fee increases adopt any changes to the Constitution, By-Laws and/or General Procedures. This is an open meeting for anyone to attend and give feedback on how your season went. For further information please visit our web-site uvysl.org or call the hotline at 467-9797.

High School **Baseball Clinic**

The city of Ukiah and the Ukiah High Wildcats would like to announce the beginning of registration for a baseball clinic supervised by UHS baseball coaching staff.

This clinic is completely free and will be held every Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday from 3 to 5 p.m. and began on December

4th.
This clinic will teach every aspect of the game, from hitting and base running to pitching and fielding and

The clinic is open to boys ages 13-17 all the way through the end

Attention Coaches!

If you have any information about upcoming games, game summaries, or information for the Community Digest, that you would like put in the paper, make sure to contact the sports desk by calling 468-3518 or by email at udjs ports@pacific.net.

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Trade

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Eric Chavez, Bobby Crosby, Huston Street, Mark Kotsay and many other A's last season, the team finished just 76-

After looking at the other teams in the power-packed American League, Beane didn't see much chance at a different result this season.

"Our status quo as we stood going into the season was mediocrity at best," Beane said. "That's my opinion. If anything we're taking a step back with the idea we have a chance to build something very good for a long time. ... The cost of indecision for us probably would be a bigger mistake.

The White Sox are hoping that the addition of Swisher will help them rebound from a 72-90 season and get back to the level they were at when they won the 2005 World

The 27-year-old Swisher batted .262 with 22 homers and 78 RBIs in 150 games in 2007, his third full big league season. He also drew 100 walks, ranking him sixth in the AL, for a career-best .381 on-base percentage.

Swisher's patience could be an important addition to the White Sox, who were last in the majors in 2007 with a .318 on-base percentage.

Swisher, whose father Steve was a first-round draft pick of the White Sox and played for the Cubs, said he was surprised by news of the

"Oakland was a great spot

"Our status quo as we stood going into the season was mediocrity at best. That's my opinion. If anything we're taking a step back with the idea we have a chance to build something very good for a long time.

-- Billy Beane

for me. I have no hard feelings," Swisher said. "Billy Beane gave me my shot and he's a genius. He knows what he's doing. ... He's got a game plan and going to stick to

Swisher's 80 career home runs were a franchise record by a switch-hitter, and he also set his highs for batting average, walks and doubles (36) in

Swisher said he's looking forward to playing an aggressive style under colorful White Sox manager Ozzie Guillen.

"I hope the walls are padded over there Chicago," Swisher said.

General manager Ken Williams said Chicago's initial plan is to play Swisher mostly in center field, unless Jerry Owens — who had the job at the end of last season has an impressive spring. That would mean Swisher seeing more time in left field. He can also spell Paul Konerko at

Swisher's outgoing personality, grind-it-out style and high on-base percentage is just what the White Sox were looking for.

"Everything that I've heard about Nick from a variety of sources, whether it be on the field or off the field, is that this guy fits in and fits in perfectly with what we are trying to do," Williams said.

The A's added three more minor leaguers after acquiring four of Arizona's top eight prospects in the Haren deal, according to Baseball America.

"I did not plan on paying this type of price, but I also did not plan on getting this type of player," Williams said. Swisher was not a player on the market. Billy Beane did not want to move him. We had to make it attractive enough where they would engage in conversation."

The 21-year-old De Los Santos was ranked the top prospect in the Chicago farm Baseball system Prospectus. The right-hander went 10-5 with a 2.65 ERA for Class-A Kannapolis and Class-A Winston Salem. He was picked as the South Atlantic League's prospect.

Gonzalez, a 22-year-old lefty, pitched for Double-A Birmingham last year and led minor league baseball with 185 strikeouts. He went 9-7 with a 3.18 ERA in 27 starts.

Sweeney, a 22-year-old left fielder, hit .270 with 10 home runs and 47 RBIs in 105 games at Triple-A Charlotte last season. He also batted .200 with a homer and five RBIs in 15 games in the

NHL

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Dumont has a goal in each of his last three games. Radulov extended his points streak to five games with five goals and two assists.

Wild 6, Stars 3

ST. PAUL, Minn. (AP) -Marian Gaborik scored twice, Pierre-Marc Bouchard added a goal and two assists and Brent Burns had three assists for Minnesota.

Pavol Demitra, Belanger and Mark Parrish also scored for the Wild, who improved to 1-5 against the top three teams in the Western Conference: Detroit, Dallas and San Jose. Niklas Backstrom stopped 25 shots for his 16th win.

Minnesota scored on four of its first eight shots to lead 5-1 midway through the second period before goals by Steve Ott and Minnesota native Matt Niskanen cut the gap to 5-3.

Dallas has lost three in a row and failed to rebound after a poor showing against conference-leading Detroit on Wednesday. The Stars' top line of Brenden Morrow, Mike Ribeiro and Antti Miettinen hasn't scored during their three-game skid. Canadiens 6, Lightning 3

MONTREAL (AP) Michael Ryder had two goals and the Montreal Canadiens scored three times in the third period.

Alex Kovalev, Andrei Kostitsyn, Kyle Chipchura, and Chris Higgins also scored for Montreal, which returned from a 3-1-2 road trip and won for just the second time in its last nine games at the Bell Centre. Cristobal Huet finished with 30 saves.

Tampa Bay matched a season high with its third sixgame winless streak of the season (0-5-1).

Vincent Lecavalier, Martin St. Louis and Vaclav Prospal scored second-period goals as the Lightning came back to tie it at 3 after trailing 2-0 and

Sapp

Continued from Page 6 league 13 years and he's seen it all. I leaned on him. There's so much more for me to learn

from him I don't want him to leave yet."

Sapp began his career in Tampa Bay in 1995, where he helped turn one of the league's perennial losers into Super Bowl champions following the 2002 season. The Buccaneers had only three winning seasons in 19 years before Sapp arrived.

Along with linebacker Derrick Brooks and safety John Lynch, Sapp was a mainstay on the Bucs defense under coach Tony Dungy. The success they had helped make the "Tampa Two" defense a staple around the league and sent Tampa to the postseason five times in six years from 1997-2002.

Sapp became known as much for his sterling play as he did for his entertaining trash talking on the field.

"I can't stop that," Sapp said. "I'm going to do that as loud as I can for as long as I can because it just gets me going. That's the way I play the game. I can't help it."

Sapp starred in college at the University of Miami, where he arrived as a tight end and left as the best defensive player in the country. He slipped to No. 12 in the 1995 draft after testing positive for marijuana at the scouting combine.

That was just one controversy in Sapp's career. In 2002, he nearly ended the career of Packers offensive tackle Chad Clifton with a vicious hit while trying to throw a block after an interception. Then-Packers coach Mike Sherman confronted Sapp on the field after the game, calling it a dirty play.

Sapp was fined \$50,000 for bumping an official in 2003 and was fined \$75,000 after being ejected following three personal fouls in the secondto-last game of his career against Jacksonville.



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Boston 97, Houston 93
Sacramento 107, New York 97
Portland 90, Minnesota 79
Dallas 121, Golden State 99

Dallas 121, Golden State 99 Utah 110, Philadelphia 107 New Orleans 95, L.A. Clippers 81

Thursday's Games
Portland at Chicago, 8 p.m.
San Antonio at Denver, 9 p.m.
Seattle at Phoenix, Late
Friday's Games
Houston at Orlando, 7 p.m.

Houston at Orlando, 7 p.m.
Atlanta at Indiana, 7 p.m.
Detroit at Toronto, 7 p.m.
Charlotte at New Jersey, 7:30 p.m.
Memphis at Boston, 7:30 p.m.
Sacramento at Cleveland, 7:30 p.m.
Denver at Minnesota, 8 p.m.
New York at San Antonio, 8:30 p.m.
Washington at Milwaukee, 8:30 p.m.
Miami at Dallas, 9:30 p.m.
Philadelphia at L.A. Lakers, 10:30 p.m.
New Orleans at Golden State, 10:30 p.m.
Saturday's Games

New Orleans at Golden State, 10:5 Saturday's Games
New Jersey at Atlanta, 4 p.m.
Boston at Detroit, 4:30 p.m.
Sacramento at Chicago, 5:30 p.m.
New York at Houston, 5:30 p.m.
New Orleans at Phoenix, 6 p.m.
Utah at Portland, 7 p.m.
Sunday's Games

NFL PLAYOFFS

Wild-card Playoffs Saturday, Jan. 5 Washington at Seattle, 1:30 p.m. (NBC) Jacksonville at Pittsburgh, 5 p.m. (NBC)

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Saturday, Jan. 12
Seattle, Tampa Bay or N.Y. Giants at Green Bay,
1:30 p.m. (FOX)

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Pittsburgh, Jacksonville, Tennessee at New England, 5 p.m. (CBS)
Sunday, Jam. 13
San Diego, Pittsburgh or Jacksonville at Indianapolis, 10 a.m. (CBS)
Tampa Bay, N.Y. Giants or Washington at Dallas, 1:30 p.m. (FOX)

Conference Championships Sunday, Jan. 20

AFC vs. NFC

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Pittsburgh *	21	16	2	44	111	112				
N.Y. Rangers	20	16	4	44	100	98				
N.Y. Islanders	20	16	2	42	94	104				
Philadelphia	19	14	4	42	115	10				
Northeast Division										
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Ottawa	25	10	4	54	139	110				
Montreal	19	13	7		116	109				
Boston	19	16	4		102	10				
Buffalo	19	16	3	41	115	10				
Toronto	16	16	8	40	116	12				
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New Jersey 3, Florida 2
Detroit 4, Dallas 1
Edmonton 3, St. Louis 2, OT
Phoenix 5, Colorado 2
Calgary 4, N.Y. Rangers 3
Anaheim 2, Columbus 1
Thursday's Games
Washington at Boston, 7 p.m.
Florida at N.Y. Islanders, 7 p.m.
Tampa Bay at Montreal, 7:30 p.m.
Toronto at Pittsburgh, 7:30 p.m.
Dallas at Minnesota, 8 p.m.
Edmonton at Nashville, 8 p.m.
Chicago at Phoenix, 9 p.m.
Calgary at San Jose, Late
Columbus at Los Angeles, Late
Friday's Games Wednesday's Games Colúmbus at Los Angeles, Late Friday's Games
Philadelphia at New Jersey, 4 p.m. Ottawa at Buffalo, 4:30 p.m. Carolina at Atlanta, 4:30 p.m. Chicago at Anaheim, 7 p.m. Saturday's Games
Washington at Montreal, 9:30 a.m. Detroit at Dallas, 11 a.m. Florida at Pittsburgh, 12 p.m. New Jersey at Boston, 4 p.m. Tampa Bay at Ottawa, 4 p.m. Philadelphia at Toronto, 4 p.m. Minnesota at Nashville, 5 p.m. Pfiliadelpfila at 1070flo, 4 p.m. Minnesota at Nashville, 5 p.m. Carolina at St. Louis, 5:30 p.m. Anaheim at Phoenix, 6 p.m. N.Y. Islanders at Colorado, 6 p.m. N.Y. Rangers at Edmonton, 7 p.m. Columbus at San Jose, 7:30 p.m. Calgary at Los Angeles, 7:30 p.m. Sunday's Games
Buffalo at Atlanta, 11 a.m.

Buffalo at Atlanta, 11 a.m. Detroit at Chicago, 4 p.m. **NBA**

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New York	8	22	.267 19	
Southeast Division				
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Orlando	22	12	.647 —	
Atlanta	15	14		
Washington	15	15		
Charlotte	11	19		
Miami	8	24	.250 13	
Central Division				
	W	L	Pct GB	
Detroit	25	7	.781 —	
Cleveland	15	17	.469 10	
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TRANSACTIONS

BASEBALL American League
OAKLAND ATHLETICS—Traded OF Nick
Swisher to the Chicago White Sox for LHP Gio
Gonzalez, RHP Fautino De Los Santos and OF

Ryan Sweeney.
National League
ST. LOUIS CARDINALS—Agreed to terms with
RHP Matt Clement on a one-year contract.
SAN DIEGO PADRES—Agreed to terms with C
Robert Fick, OF Jeff DaVanon and LHP Mike
Megrew on minor league contracts. Promoted
Pete DeYoung to assistant to director of scouting.
Named Anthony Byrd, Andrew Salvo and Rob
Sidwell amateur scouts.
FOOTBALL
National Football League

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National Football League
BUFFALO BILLS—Re-signed FB Jonathan
Evans, WR Felton Huggins, CB E.J. Underwood,
OL Nevin McCaskill and DE Shaun Nua. Signed DE Jon Corto.

DETROIT LIONS—Promoted Jim Colletto to offensive coordinator, Kippy Brown to assistant head coach and passing game coordinator and Shawn Jefferson to wide receivers coach.

GREEN BAY PACKERS—Placed OL Junius

Coston of Injuried reserve. Signed 1 Offin Thompson from the practice squad. MIAMI DOLPHINS—Fired Cam Cameron, coach. HOCKEY National Hockey Leaguue ANAHEIM DUCKS—Reassigned LW Drew Miller to Pertitod (AHI) to Portland (AHL). ATLANTA THRASHERS—Recalled C Kevin Dowll ALLANIA I HHASHERS—Recalled C Kevin Dowll from Chicago (AHL),
CAROLINA HURRICANES—Recalled G Michael Leightlon, F Keith Aucoin and F Brandon Nolan from Albany (AHL), Placed D David Tanabe, F Matt Cullen and F Scott Walker on injured

reserve.
COLUMBUS BLUE JACKETS—Activated C Michael Peca from injured reserve. Placed David Vyborny on injured reserve. OTTAWA SENATORS—Assigned LW Nick Foligno to Binghamton (AHL). PHILADELPHIA FLYERS—Waived C Jim Dowd PHILADELPHIA FLYERS—warved 0 bill 25.5.
and D Rory Fitzpatrick.
COLLEGE
ASSUMPTION—Announced the resignation of
Cory Bailey, football coach.
CENTRAL MICHIGAN—Signed Butch Jones,

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5th Annual MLK Day Event set for Jan. 21

Mendocino County Martin Luther King. Jr. Organization (McMLK) invites the public to attend Mendocino County's 15th annual Martin Luther King, Jr. Day observance. The event will be held on Monday, Jan. 21 at 6:30 p.m., in the Council Chamber at the Ukiah Valley Civic Center located at 300 Seminary Avenue in Ukiah. For more information about McMLK, call LaCretia Peoples, McMLK founder and managing director at 485-4107.

'Healthy Children: Body, Heart and Mind' presentation set for Thursday, Jan. 24

In his brief talk, Dr. Macdonald, a dad, local pediatrician and Raise and Shine provider, will focus on a few things parents and caregivers can do to encourage healthy emotional development. The presentation will be held on Jan. 24 from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. at Ukiah Valley Primary Care's new building at 260 Hospital Drive (Upstairs, Southeast Corner). Childcare will not be provided. For more information, call Raise and Shine at 462-1233.

'A Day in Al-Anon' set for Jan. 26

The Al-Anon Fellowship of Lake and Mendocino Counties (District Two) invites the community to "A Day in Al-Anon," on Saturday, Jan. 26, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., at the First Presbyterian Church in Ukiah (corner of Dora and Perkins). The Day will host two speakers, numerous workshops, a free lunch, a raffle, and fellowship. A donation of \$5 is requested for the Day. All are welcome to attend.

For more information, call Mary 743-2001 or Marian 463-1867.

CALFIRE accepting Firefighter I applications

CALFIRE has announced that applications for seasonal Firefighter I will be accepted through Jan. 31, 2008 for the 2008 season in the Mendocino Unit.

Applicants must be 18 years of age at the time of hire. Those interested in applying for this position need to mail or take their application to the CALFIRE Mendocino Unit Headquarters Office at 17501 North Highway 101, Willits, CA.

Applications must be received or postmarked no later than Jan. 31, 2008.

Applications may be obtained from the CALFIRE Fort Bragg Station and CALFIRE Unit Headquarters Office at Howard Forest, Willits, or the Employment Development Departments in Ukiah and Fort Bragg. Local high schools and colleges also have the current applications.

Applications are also being accepted by other GAL FIRE Units throughout the State. Further information can be obtained by contacting CAL FIRE Mendocino Unit Headquarters Office at 459-7414 or via the Internet at www.fire.ca.gov.

Alliance for Democracy invites input for its future

The Alliance for Democracy will hold a public gathering on Friday, Feb. 2, at 7 p.m. in Fort Bragg at the Senior Center, 490 North Harold Street. Anyone interested in the Alliance's mission of restoring democracy and creating environmentally, socially and economically just communities is invited to attend this annual meeting to discuss the Alliance's future directions and activities.

It has been serving the coastal community by hosting monthly events featuring speakers, panel discussions, and movies on issues that impact the community, the nation and the world. This meeting is an opportunity for the Alliance to thank the community for its continued support and to invite community input and participation in the Alliance's future activities on the coast. New, ideas on how to build a sustainable, democratic community are welcome.

For more information, contact Toni Rizzo at 964-8689 or toni@mcn.org.

Black History Month event set for Feb. 28

The public is invited to attend a Black History Month event scheduled for Thursday, February 28, 2008. The event will be held at the Ukiah Valley Civic Center in the Council Chamber located at 300 Seminary Avenue in Ukiah. The free event is provided to the public by the Mendocino County Martin Luther King, Jr. Organization (McMLK) and friends. For more information about McMLK, call LaCretia Peoples, McMLK founder and managing director at 485-4107.

Frances Moore Lappe to speak on March 7

Frances Moore Lappé, author of "Diet For A Small Planet" and 15 other books, will talk about her newest, "Getting a Grip: Clarity, Creativity & Courage in a World Gone Mad,' and will answer the public's questions at Fort Bragg's Town Hall on First Friday, March 7, at 7 p.m.

Author Barbara Kingsolver wrote, "Getting a Grip is not an ordinary book: it's more like a new pair of glasses, allowing you to see everything around you with greater clarity. Suddenly the world is more comprehensible, more manageable, even more beautiful. You won't want to take them off.'

Redwood Empire Fair dates will not change

The Redwood Empire Fair Board of Directors has announced that the projected date change for the annual 12th District Agricultural Association fair in Ukiah to the last week in August will not happen as planned.

For many years now the Fair has been held the second week in August and the board has been able to obtain a carnival operator as well as assurances from vendors that will allow the Fair to keep the dates of Aug. 7 through 10.

The Fair Board took into consideration a number of factors including a past history of fair dates, the feasibility of continuing to attract quality vendors to the Fair, and local school schedules.

"Timeless Magic" will be the 2008 Redwood Empire Fair theme. "Using a Fair theme allows the Fair staff and all the department supervisors to decorate around a cohesive theme. It is also serves as the theme for many classes in our annual competition," explains CEO, Jennifer Seward.

Annual Adopt-A-Family program gearing up

Project Sanctuary is inviting community members to participate in its annual "Adopt-A Family" gift-giving program. "Adopt-A-Family" provides an opportunity to "adopt" a family in emotional and financial crisis during the holiday season and provide gifts during a stressful time when resources are scarce. Participants receive some basic information on their adopted family like the gender and ages of the children in the family, sometimes even a wish list is available. The gifts are then brought to Project Sanctuary and dispersed to the adopted family in time for the holidays.

Adopt-A-Family coordinator Dinehart is "...amazed at the generosity of the people who participate in this program. It's one of the busiest times of the year and one of the most stressful, yet people still come forward year after year to help out. It adds an extra "todo" to their lists but still they want to participate. I'm so grateful for all they do.'

All giving and receiving is anonymous. Those interested in adopting a family can contact Porter Dinehart or Ana Araiza at 462-9196 or by e-mail at porter@projectsanctuary.org or ana@projectsanctuary.org.



The cream of the crop

Dungeness crab is to Northern California what lobster is to Maine -- sweet and succulent. Among the many varieties of American crab, Cancer magister has a reputation for reigning supreme.

Famed American chef and food writer James Beard once referred to it as a "meal the gods intended only for the pure in palate.'

Named after a fishing town on Washington's Strait of Juan de Fuca, Dungeness crab has a flavor similar to lobster, with meat that is sweet, tender and flaky.

Jeramie Wagar, Chef De Cuisine at Patrona in downtown Ukiah, credits the crustacean's popularity with its versatility and the ease with which is prepared. He says chilled fresh cooked crab is sweet enough on its own and doesn't require a lot of seasoning. "I usually eat it with only clarified butter."

Dungeness crab is most often steamed or boiled and can be enjoyed either warm or cold. Wager recommends placing live crab in boiling water and cooking it until the shell turns bright orange (for 18 to 20 minutes after the water returns to a boil). He notes, "Then you ice it down to preserve its freshness. It

will be easier to crack open." Dungeness crab's trademark sweetness lends itself to cold salads and sandwiches. Wager tosses it with salad greens and avocado and tops it with a light, vinaigrette dressing. He advises cooks to keep the seasonings to a minimum. "I want people to taste the crab."

Although Dungeness crab is commonly seen in light summer dishes, Dungeness also goes well in hearty winter fare such as pastas, casseroles and seafood-based soups. The following spicy cioppino recipe emphasizes the warm flavors of winter.

Spicy cioppino

Courtesy of Patrona, Jeramie Wagar, Chef De Cuisine

1 1 3/4-pound cooked whole Dungeness crab

1/3 cup olive oil

1 cup finely chopped onion 1 tablespoon chopped fresh



Bon Vivant By Marilyn Campbell

marjoram

1 bay leaf

1 2-ounce can anchovy fillets, drained, chopped

1/2 cup chopped fresh pars-

ley 2 teaspoons of dried oregano

3 garlic cloves, minced 4 tablespoons of crushed

New Mexican red pepper flakes 2 cups dry white wine

2 cups fish stock or bottled clam juice 2 cups canned crushed

organic tomatoes with puree 16 mussels, scrubbed, debearded

10 ounces cod or other white fish, cut into 2 inch square pieces 1/2 pound cleaned squid,

bodies cut into rings 1/2 pound uncooked large

whole shrimp (do not peel) 12 cockles, double rinsed Preparation

Remove crab legs and cut at joints. Cut crab body into quarters; scrape out gills and intestines and discard. Heat olive oil in large pot over high heat. Add chopped onion, marjoram, oregano and bay leaf. Sauté two minutes. Add anchovies, parsley, garlic and chili flakes; sauté two minutes. Add crab legs and body pieces and white wine. Reduce heat; simmer four minutes. Add stock and tomatoes. Increase heat and boil 5 minutes. Add shrimp, mussels and cockles; cook until opened, about seven minutes (discard any shellfish that do not open). Add remaining seafood; simmer until cod is opaque in center, stirring often, about four minutes. Ladle cioppino into bowls and serve with grilled garlic





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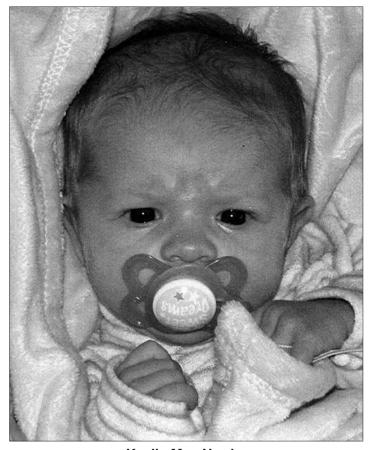
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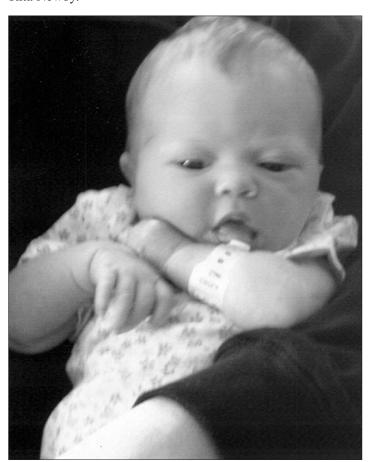


Kaylie Mae Newby Newby

A daughter, Kaylie Mae Newby, was born Monday, Nov. 19, 2007, to Leslie Jarman, of Ukiah, and Christopher Newby, of Ukiah.

She weighed 7 pounds, 4 ounces.

She is welcomed by her sister Shyanne Newby, and her grandparents RoChelle Jarman, Edward Kenny, and Bob and Rita Newby.



Kaylie Ray Reeser

Reeser

A daughter, Kaylie Ray Reeser, was born on Monday, Nov. 12, 2007, to Sarah Burton-Reeser and Isaac Reeser of Willits. She weighed 6 pounds 11 ounces.

She is also welcomed by her grandparents Todd and Donna Burton, Dee Dee Reeser, and John Hood, her Great Grandparents Dan and Earlene Bailey, and Jim and Margret Reeser.



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Local centenarian celebrates birthday with a motorcycle ride



The Daily Journa

Beulah Wily, who turned 100 on Dec. 16, took a bike ride from West Road. in Redwood Valley to her home at Mountain View on Dora St. in Ukiah with her grandson.

They had been talking for about 20 years about that, saying that when she turned 100, they would go for a ride on his Harley, so that's what they did.

This wasn't her first ride;

when she was 95, they rode from Oroville to Qincy, down the Feather River on Highway 70.

100-year-old Beulah Wily sits on a motorcycle with her grandson.

ENGAGEMENTS



Steve Mayhew and Farah Cornwell Mayhew-Cornwell

Steve Mayhew and Farah Cornwell of Avondale Arizona announce their engagement to marry on Saturday, March 22, 2008.

The groom-to-be is the son of Tom and Cindy Mayhew, of Ukiah. He is a 1996 graduate of Ukiah High School, and is



employed as a firefighter for the city of Avondale, Arizona.

The bride-to-be is the daughter of Richard and Cinda Cornwell of Galt. She is a 1996 graduate of Galt High School,

Kim Anthony Marie and Jamie Marie Miller

Miller-McKee

Jamie Marie Miller and Kim Anthony McKee announce their engagement to marry on Sunday, Feb. 10, 2008 at the Lake Mendocino Clubhouse in Ukiah.

The bride-to-be is the daughter of Athena McGee, of Ukiah, and Burt Miller, also of Ukiah. She graduated from Ukiah High School in 2003, and is employed at Schats.

The groom-to-be is the son of Emily Duarte, of Ukiah, and Fred McKee, of Ukiah. He has graduated from Ukiah High and Santa Clara University, and is employed at Kaiser Permanente.









Thinking about looking for a place of your own? ☐ YES ☐ NO
Have you outgrown your house? ☐ YES ☐ NO
Are you tired of renting? ☐ YES ☐ NO
Are you sick of your nosey neighbors? ☐ YES ☐ NO

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by Gary Trudeau

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Datebook: Friday, January. 4, 2008

Today is the fourth day of 2007 and the 14th day of winter.

TODAY'S HISTORY: In 1920, the Negro National League, the first black professional baseball league, was established.

In 1995, the 104th U.S. Congress convened

and Senate for the first time since the Eisenhower presidency.

In 2006, Israeli Prime Minister Ariel Sharon suffered a debilitating stroke that prevented him from governing.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAYS: Isaac Newton with Republican majorities in both the House (1642-1727), mathematician/physicist; Louis

Braille (1809-1852), Braille alphabet inventor; Cannon (1937-), actress, is 71; Michael Stipe (1960-), rock musician, is 48; Julia Ormond (1965-), actress, is 43.

TODAY'S SPORTS: In 1991, 12-year-old Fu Mingxia from China won the women's 10meter platform at the World Swimming Championships in Perth, Australia, becoming the youngest aquatic world champion ever.

TODAY'S QUOTE: "It's easy to do any-Floyd Patterson (1935-2006), boxer; Dyan thing in victory. It's in defeat that a man reveals himself." -- Floyd Patterson

TODAY'S FACT: King Camp Gillette wanted to devise a new product that consumers would need to purchase repeatedly; his safety razors were one of the first and most successful disposable products ever made.

TODAY'S MOON: Between last quarter (Dec. 31) and new moon (Jan. 8).



ASTROGRAPH

By Bernice Bede Osol



Saturday, Jan. 5, 2008

The chickens will come home to roost in the year ahead. You will be rewarded for your accomplishments as well as your aspirations. Clean up all loose ends before any fingers of blame can be pointed at you.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) -- Don't get upset about a situation that has yet to occur. Don't allow apprehensive thinking that you've based on unfounded premises get you all shook up.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) -- When out shopping, if you run into a salesperson whose pitch sounds too good to be true, it is. Don't rush into a purchase, especially if the aforementioned is taking place.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March **20**) -- It is very easy to look around for a scapegoat if you fail to achieve your designated objective, but it isn't wise. Your fall guy/gal is likely to prove that is you who failed.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) -- If you see yourself as not being able to measure up to competition, you'll prove yourself right. Jumping to negative conclusions before you even tried is futile.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) -- Being wishy-washy about your funds is akin to asking someone to come along and take advantage of you. Don't let a person who

sees your weakness put a hit on you.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) -- It's great to want to accomplish many things, but you need to guard against establishing too many objectives, which makes the completion of any of them impossible. Start only what you can

CANCER (June 21-July 22) -- "To thine own self be true." But also be loyal to the person who is expecting sincerity from you. Don't hesitate to say what needs to be said, simply because it isn't

very interesting. LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) --If you have a wandering, romantic eye, you will end up

lacking good judgment and will get trapped in a situation that is difficult to extricate yourself from. Don't be fool-

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) -- The anticipation of negative reactions before anything negative has even taken place is your worst enemy. This will cause you to wrongly react to situations that you

have erroneously judged. LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) -- If flights of fancy become a creative exercise for your fertile imagination, you'll set yourself up for failure. It's OK to be wishful, if your thoughts are based upon practical con-

siderations. SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) -- Don't take anything for granted, especially concerning your financial affairs, because there is too strong of a chance you would be wrong. Make sure everything is defined and put in writing.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) -- Because you're a frank and open person, you're pretty up front about where you stand with others. But you get in trouble when you try to please everyone.

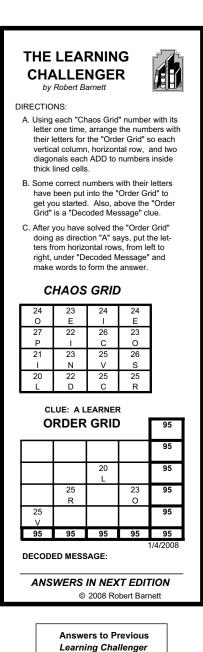
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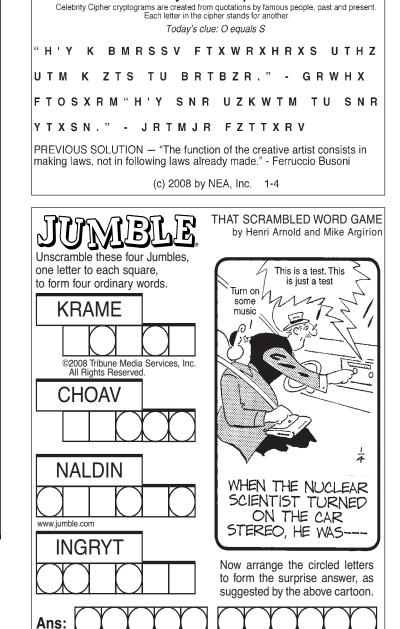
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Run in papers of Friday, Jan. 4, 2008

CELEBRITY CIPHER

by Luis Campos

Troubled stepdaughter is limiting retirement savings

Dear Annie: I began seeing my husband when his daughter, "Ellis," was 15 years old. Ellis has been a constant challenge, in trouble on a regular basis, befriending the wrong people, abusing alcohol and drugs and just plain

By Kathy Mitchell and Marcy Sugar refusing to get a job. My husband pays all her bills, including her house payment. Ellis is now in her 30s and still does not have a job.

My husband tells me he is going to quit giving her money, but he continues to enable her. This is causing problems in our marriage. I want Ellis to find work and move out of a house she cannot afford. We are getting on in age and should be preparing for our retirement, but because of Ellis' bills, we are living paycheck to paycheck. She has threatened suicide many times, which is what really prevents my husband from getting tough with her.

Please don't say she needs counseling. We already know that. She has been to many counselors but ultimately quits going, and no one

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can make her go back. What complicates the problem is my daughter, who is buying her own place. She gets very angry with me because I don't have the money to help her as much as she needs since it's all going to Ellis.

I've told my husband on several occasions that I will not continue living this way much longer, yet I keep doing it. It's reached a point where I feel he and I need to go our separate ways. What do you suggest? -- Had Enough

Dear Had Enough: Your husband needs to understand that supporting Ellis is not in her best interests. It undercuts her ambition, prolongs her immaturity, makes her feel incompetent and reinforces her dependency. She will position of paying for every date without warnnever get a job, not only because Dad supports husband to go with you for counseling so both

of you can work on this. **Dear Annie:** I'm a full-time college student with a full-time job. I've been dating "Matt" for seven months. He recently had some financial setbacks, which means we often go Dutch. That's fine with me.

The problem is, lately Matt will suggest we go out to eat, only to get to the register holding a wad of money, saying, "This is all I have." Then I end up footing the entire bill. While I understand his reasons, I don't like how he goes about it. I don't want to break up with Matt, so how can I get him to stop taking my money for granted without hurting his feelings? -- Feeling Used

Dear Used: Matt shouldn't put you in the

ing you in advance. He's taking advantage of her, but because his coddling has made her fear you. When he suggests going out for dinner or she cannot succeed. A truly loving parent helps a movie, offer to do something less pricey. his child be a responsible adult, even if he isn't Rent a movie and watch it at your place. Go to popular doing it. Before walking out, ask your a museum. Have an indoor picnic. Tell him you know going out can be expensive and you want him to save his money.

She married the know-it-all because he

(Answers tomorrow) BOTHER MUSKET

Dear Annie: You recently printed a letter from "Iowa Editor," who chastised you for recommending craigslist.org as a resource without also mentioning newspaper ads. You said, "If we could figure out how to say 'mea culpa' in plural form, we'd plaster it all over the col-

The plural of "mea culpa" (my fault) is "nostra culpa" (our fault). -- Muriel Garcia, Former Teacher of Latin

Dear Muriel Garcia: Thanks for the Latin lesson. We knew we could count on our readers to tell us how to say we were wrong in any language. We hope we don't have to use it too

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1-3,4,5,6,7,8,9/08 NOTICE OF INTENT TO REQUEST

RELEASE OF FUNDS January 3, 2007 Community Development Commission of Mendocino County 1076 N. State St. Ukiah, CA 95482

(707) 463-5462 X109 On or about January 10, 2008 the Community PROPERTY, IT MAY BE SOLD AT A PUBLIC SALE. Development Commission of Mendocino County will IF YOU NEED AN EXPLANATION OF THE NATURE to the State of California Department of Housing and SHOULD CONTACT A LAWYER. A public auction sale known as Holly Ranch Village house reconstruction for the purpose of demolishing 17 single family units and 1 duplex and reconstructing 15 single family two bedroom units located at 33001 through 33061 Lassen Drive, Fort Bragg, CA 95437.

The activities proposed are categorically excluded under or copied weekdays 8:00 AM to 5:00 PM. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Any individual, group, or agency disagreeing with this determination or wishing to comment on the project. may submit written comments to Craig Schlatter, the Certifying Officer for the Community Development Commission of Mendocino County 1076 North State Street, Ukiah, CA 95482. All comments received by January 9, 2008 will be considered by the Community

RELEASE OF FUNDS

Schlatter, in his capacity as Community Development Manager of the Community Development Commission of Mendocino County, consents to accept the jurisdiction of the Federal Courts if an action is brought to enforce responsibilities in relation to the environmental review process and that these responsibilities have been satisfied. HCD's approval of the certification satisfies use Program funds.

OBJECTIONS TO RELEASE OF FUNDS

for a period of fifteen days following the anticipated (whichever is later) only if they are on one of the following previously been discharged through bankruptcy, you bases: (a) the certification was not executed by the Certifying Officer of the Community Development Commission of Mendocino County; (b) the Community Development Commission of Mendocino County has omitted a step or failed to make a decision or finding required by HUD regulations at 24 CFR Part 58; (c) the grant recipient has committed funds or incurred costs not authorized by 24 CFR Part 58 before approval of a release of funds by HCD; or (d) another Federal for that purpose. As required by law, you are hereby agency acting pursuant to 40 CFR Part 1504 has notified that a negative credit report reflecting on your submitted a written finding that the project is credit record may be submitted to a credit report agency unsatisfactory from the standpoint of environmental if you fail to fulfill the terms of your credit obligations. quality. Objections must be prepared and submitted P346730 1/4, 1/11, 01/18/2008 in accordance with the required procedures (24 CFR Part 58) and shall be addressed to HCD at 1800 3rd Street, Suite 390, Sacramento, CA 95814. Potential objectors should contact HCD to verify the actual last day of the objection period.

Craig Schlatter Community Development Manager Community Development Commission of Mendocino

PUBLIC NOTICE

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1-4,11,18/08 TS # CA-07-104206-NF Loan # 100287762 NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE YOU ARE IN DEFAULT UNDER A DEED OF TRUST DATED 4/26/2006. UNLESS YOU TAKE ACTION TO PROTECT YOUR PROPERTY. IT MAY BE SOLD AT A PUBLIC SALE. authorize the County of Mendocino to submit a request OF THE PROCEEDING AGAINST YOU, YOU to the highest bidder for cash, cashier's check drawn Investment Partnerships Program (HOME) funds under on a state or national bank, check drawn by a state Title 11 of the Cranston-Gonzales National Affordable or federal credit union, or a check drawn by a state Housing Act of 1990, as amended, to undertake a project or federal savings and loan association, or savings association, or savings bank specified in Section 5102 of the Financial Code and authorized to do business in this state, will be held by duly appointed trustee. The sale will be made, but without covenant or warranty, expressed or implied, regarding title, possession, or encumbrances, to pay the remaining principal sum of HUD regulations at 24 CFR Part 58 from National the note(s) secured by the Deed of Trust, with interest Environmental Policy Act requirements. An Environmental and late charges thereon, as provided in the note(s), Review Record (EER) that documents the environmental advances, under the terms of the Deed of Trust, interest determinations for this project is on file at the Community thereon, fees, charges and expenses of the Trustee Development Commission of Mendocino County, 1076 for the total amount (at the time of the initial N. State St., Ukiah, CA 95482 and may be examined publication of the Notice of Sale) reasonably estimated to be set forth below. The amount may be greater on the day of sale. BENEFICIARY MAY ELECT TO BID LESS THAN THE TOTAL AMOUNT DUE, Trustor(s): JOHN GLASS JR., A MARRIED MAN Recorded: 05/02/2006 as Instrument No. 2006-08574 in book xxx. page xxx of Official Records in the Office of the Recorder of Mendocino County, California; Date of Sale: 1/24/2008 at 10:00 AM Place of Sale: At the main Development Commission of Mendocino County prior entrance to the Mendocino County Courthouse, 100 to authorizing submission of a request for release of North State Street, Ukiah CA Amount of unpaid balance and other charges: \$261,412.04 The purported property address is: 1748 Lockwood Drive Ukiah, CA The Community Development Commission of 95482 Assessors Parcel No. 001-381-07 The Mendocino County certifies to the Department of Housing undersigned Trustee disclaims any liability for any and Community Development (HCD) that Craig incorrectness of the property address or other common designation, if any, shown herein. If no street address or other common designation is shown, directions to the location of the property may be obtained by sending a written request to the beneficiary within 10 days of the date of first publication of this Notice of Sale. If the Trustee is unable to convey title for any reason, its responsibilities under NEPA and related laws and the successful bidder's sole and exclusive remedy shall authorities, and allows the County of Mendocino to be the return of monies paid to the Trustee, and the successful bidder shall have no further recourse. Date: 1/4/2008 Quality Loan Service Corp. 2141 5th HCD will accept objections to its release of funds and Avenue San Diego, CA 92101 (619) 645-7711 For NON the Community Development Commission's certification SALE information only Sale Line: (714) 573-1965 or Login to: www.priorityposting.com Reinstatement submission date or its actual receipt of the request Line: (619) 645-7711 ext 3704 David Owen, If you have may have been released of personal liability for this

loan in which case this letter is intended to exercise

the note holder's rights against the real property only.

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This firm is attempting to collect a debt on behalf of

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DAILY JOURNAL

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NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE TS # CA-07-101441-MS Loan # 0321943730 YOU ARE IN DEFAULT UNDER A DEED OF TRUST DATED 12/16/2003. UNLESS YOU TAKE ACTION TO PROTECT YOUR PROPERTY, IT MAY BE SOLD AT A PUBLIC SALE. IF YOU NEED AN EXPLANATION OF THE NATURE OF THE PROCEEDING AGAINST check drawn on a state or national bank, check drawn by state or federal credit union, or a check drawn by a state or federal savings and loan association, or savings association, or savings bank specified in Section 5102 to the Financial code and authorized to do business in this state, will be held by duly appointed trustee. The sale will be made, but without covenant or warranty, encumbrances, to pay the remaining principal sum of the note(s) secured by the Deed of Trust, with interest and late charges thereon, as provided in the note(s), advances, under the terms of the Deed of Trust, interest publication of the Notice of Sale) reasonably estimated DAVID POST, A MARRIED MAN AS HIS SOLE AND Instrument No. 2004-00244 in book -, page - of Official Records in the office of the Recorder of MENDOCINO County, California; Date of Sale: 1/10/2008 at 10:00 AM Place of Sale: At the main entrance to the Mendocino

County Courthouse, 100 North State Street, Ukiah, CA. Amount of unpaid balance and other charges: \$271,032.19 The purported property address is: 175 CALVERT CT UKIAH, CA 95482 Assessors Parcel No. 001-272-12-00 The undersigned Trustee disclaims any liability for any incorrectness of the property address or other common designation, if any, shown herein. If no street address or other common designation is shown, directions to the location of the property may be obtained by sending a written request to the beneficiary within 10 days of the date of first publication of this Notice of Sale. If the Trustee is unable to convey title for any reason, the successful bidder's sole and exclusive remedy shall be the return of monies paid to the Trustee, and the successful bidder shall have no further recourse. Date: 12/20/2007 Quality Loan Service Corp. 2141 5th Avenue San Diego, CA 92101 619-645-7711 For NON SALE information only Sale Line: 714-259-7850 or Login to: www.fidelityasap.com Reinstatement Line: (619) 645-7711 ext 3704 If you have previously been discharged through bankruptcy, you may have been released of personal liability for this loan in which case this letter is intended to exercise the note holder's rights against the real property only. THIS NOTICE IS SENT FOR THE PURPOSE OF COLLECTING A DEBT. THIS FIRM IS ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT ON BEHALF OF THE HOLDER AND OWNER OF THE NOTE, ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED BY OR PROVIDED TO THIS FIRM OR THE CREDITOR WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE. As required by law, you are hereby notified that a negative credit report reflecting on your credit record may be submitted to a credit report agency if you fail to fulfill the terms of your credit obligations

PUBLIC NOTICE

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YOU, YOU SHOULD CONTACT A LAWYER. A public expressed or implied, regarding title, possession, or thereon, fees, charges and expenses of the Trustee for the total amount (at the time of the initial to be set forth below. The amount may be greater on the day of sale. BENEFICIARY MAY ELECT TO BID LESS THAN THE TOTAL AMOUNT DUE. Trustor(s): SEPARATE PROPERTY Recorded: 1/6/2004 as

ASAP# 948846 12/21/2007, 12/28/2007, 01/04/2008.

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT File No.: 2008-F0830 FOLLOWING THE PERSON(S) IS (ARE) DOING BUSINESS AS: APPLIED SLEEP **TECHNOLOGIES** 2060 Fern Cyn Dr. Ukiah, CA 95482 Joseph M. Abramowitz 2060 Fern Cyn Dr. Ukiah, CA 95482

1-4,11,18,25/08

This business is conducted by an Individual. The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on Jan. 3, 2008. Endorsed-Filed on **Dec. 20, 2007** at the Mendocino County Clerks Office. /s/Joseph M. Abramowitz ABRAMOWITZ

1-4.11.18.25/08 **FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME** STATEMENT File No.: 2008-F0003 FOLLOWING THE

PERSON(S) IS (ARE) DOING BUSINESS AS: PARDINI APPLIANCE SERVICE 1202 N. State St. Ukiah, CA 95482 Creative Services & Design Inc. 1204 N. State St

Ukiah, CA 95482 This business is conducted by a Corporation. State incorporation: California. The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on 1-2-08. Endorsed-Filed on 01/02/2008 at the Mendocino County Clerks Office.

/s/Mark Pardini MARK PARDINI PRESIDENT

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> 013-08 **FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME**

STATEMENT File No.: 2008-F0008 FOLLOWING PERSON(S) IS (ARE) DOING BUSINESS AS: MADEMOISELLE

BABETTE/ **BABETTE'S** 205 School St. Ukiah. CA 95482 Valeri Hammang-Campbell 310 Crestview Dr. Ukiah, CA 95482 This business is conducted

by an Individual. The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on Jan. 1, 2008. Endorsed-Filed on Jan. 2, 2008 at the Mendocino County Clerks Office. /s/Valeri Hammang-Campbell

12-14,21,28/07,1-4/08 **FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT**

VALERI HAMMANG

CAMPBELL

File No.: 2007-F0799 FOLLOWING THE PERSON(S) IS (ARE) DOING BUSINESS AS: **CLOS ROBERT** 501 Parducci Road Ukiah. CA 95469 Mendocino Wine Group, LLC

501 Parducci Road Ukiah, CA 95482 This business conducted by a Limited Liability Company. The registrants commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on N/A. Endorsed-Filed on 12/07/2007 at the Mendocino County Clerks Office /s/Timothy L. Thornhill

TIMOTHY L. THORNHILL

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1-4,7,8,9,10/08 The Anderson Valley Fire Department is soliciting bids for supplying a prefabricated metal building approximately 40 feet by 65 feet with two 12X24 foot doors. Bid includes all materials, design and engineering specifications plus delivery cost to our site in Philo, California. Bid is for the above items only; construction will be done by others. Sealed Bids must be received by 1 PM Wednesday, January 23, 2008. For further information contact the Anderson Valley Fire Department, P.O. Box 398 Boonville CA 95415 or phone us at 707 895 2020.

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BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT File No.: 2007-F0806 THE FOLLOWING PERSON(S) IS (ARE) DOING BUSINESS AS: CHINESE MASSAGE Ya Ming Wu

819 Mapel Ave Ukiah, CA 95482 This business is conducted by an Individual. The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on N/A. Endorsed-Filed on 12/11/2007 at the Mendocino County Clerks Office

/s/Ya Ming Wu

YA MING WU

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12-14,21,28/07,1-4/08 **FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT** File No.: 2007-F0809 FOLLOWING PERSON(S) IS (ARE)

DOING BUSINESS AS: ROLLINGWOOD RANCH 11900 West Rd Potter Valley, CA 95469 David E Brown 11900 West Rd Potter Valley, CA 95469 Jack W Brown 11900 West Rd Potter Valley, CA 95469 Patricia H Brown 11900 West Rd Potter Valley, CA 95469

This business is conducted by a General Partnership. The registrants commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above 10/22/90. Endorsed-Filed on 12/12/2007 at the Mendocino County Clerks Office.

916-07 12-14,21,28/07,1-4/08 **FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME**

/s/David E Brown

DAVID E BROWN

STATEMENT File No.: 2007-F0798 **FOLLOWING** PERSON(S) IS (ARE) DOING BUSINESS AS: CHANCE VINEYARDS. CHAMELEON CELLARS. **ELIZABETH SPENCER** WINES, MR. BIG WINES, MENDOCINO FARMS, PHILO RIDGE VINEYARDS, ARLEQUIN

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Office. /s/Timothy L. Thornhill TIMOTHY L THORNHILL C.O.O.

917-07 12-14,21,28/07,1-4/08 **FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT** File No.: 2007-F0794

THE FOLLOWING PERSON(S) IS (ARE) DOING BUSINESS AS **GREEN** THUMB NURSERY 11820 West Road, Potter Valley, CA 95469 Barbara Newell 11820 West Road Potter Valley, CA 95469 Castle Newell

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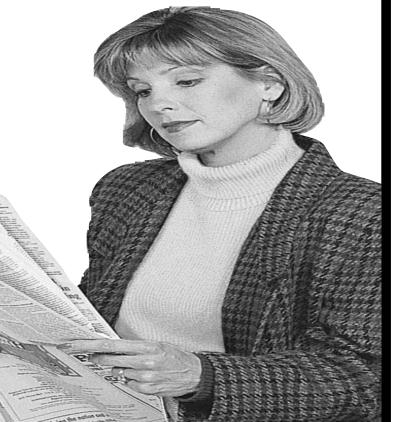
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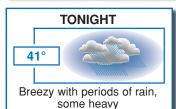
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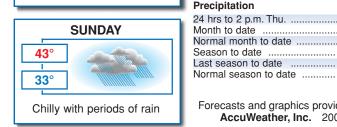
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Eureka	49/44/r	47/38/r	San Luis Obispo	59/52/r	57/43/r					
Fort Bragg	54/45/r	48/40/r	San Rafael	53/46/r	49/41/r					
Fresno	56/50/r	54/43/r	Santa Ana	60/53/r	62/49/r					
Gilroy	56/47/r	57/43/r	Santa Barbara	57/53/r	58/44/r					
Indio	67/48/c	62/45/sh	Santa Cruz	56/48/r	53/45/r					
Irvine	60/53/r	62/49/r	Santa Monica	59/53/r	60/50/r					
Hollywood	56/53/r	59/47/r	Santa Rosa	51/45/r	47/38/r					
Lake Arrowhead	48/40/r	55/32/r	S. Lake Tahoe	44/32/sn	33/17/sn					
Lodi	56/48/r	51/40/r	Stockton	55/48/r	51/41/r					
Lompoc	59/52/r	56/43/r	Tahoe Valley	44/32/sn	33/17/sn					
Long Beach	61/52/r	62/47/r	Torrance	60/52/r	63/50/r					
Los Angeles	59/52/r	61/48/r	Vacaville	52/46/r	51/40/r					
Mammoth	36/28/sn	45/23/sn	Vallejo	54/46/r	51/41/r					
Marysville	54/46/r	48/41/r	Van Nuys	57/52/r	57/46/r					
Modesto	57/49/r	53/41/r	Visalia	58/49/r	57/42/r					
Monrovia	58/52/r	59/47/r	Willits	46/40/r	46/34/r					
Monterey	58/48/r	53/45/r	Yosemite Valley	45/31/r	34/28/sn					
Morro Bay	59/48/r	53/45/r	Yreka	45/33/r	37/26/sn					

Weather (W): s-sunny, pc-partly cloudy, c-cloudy, sh-showers, t-thunderstorms, rain. sf-snow flurries. sn-snow. i-ice

Lake Mendocino – Lake level: 711.27 feet; Storage: 30,201 acre-feet (Maximum storage 122,500 acre-feet) Inflow: 77 cfs Outflow: 121 cfs Air quality – Ozone: .041 ppm (State standard .090 ppm) Carbon monoxide: 1.00 ppm (20.0 ppm) Nitrogen dioxide: .016 ppm (.25 ppm)

Tips

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special diets.)

--Non-electric can opener.

--Keep some cash on hand. ATM machines may not be work-

--Portable radio, flashlights and extra batteries (stored in watertight plastic bag.)

--Store drinking water in closed, clean containers in case water service is interrupted.

--Allow one gallon of water per person per day for at least three •Keep your car fueled. If the

electric power is cut off, filling stations may not be able to operate. •Know safe routes from your

home or office to high, safe ground. •Keep sandbags, plywood,

plastic sheeting, lumber and other emergency building materials handy for waterproofing.

•Avoid areas that are subject to sudden flooding.

•Do not try to cross a flowing stream where water is above your knees. Even water as low as six inches deep may cause you to be

•Do not try to drive over a flooded road. This may cause you to be both stranded and trapped.

•If your car stalls, abandon it immediately and seek higher ground. Many deaths have resulted from attempts to move stalled vehicles.

•Do not sightsee in flooded areas. Do not try to enter areas blocked off by local authorities.

•Avoid unnecessary trips. If you must travel during the storm, dress in warm, loose layers of clothing. Advise others of your destination.

Source: Lake County Sheriff's Department

State faces Sierra blizzard, heavy rains in trio of storms

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Californians braced Thursday for back-to-back weekend storms that could bring more than a foot of rain to mudslide-prone canyons denuded by the fall wildfires, dump up to 10 feet of snow in the Sierra Nevada and buffet the state with hurricane-force winds.

The first in a trio of storms began with sprinkles along the Northern California coast, but the heaviest precipitation and possibly the most rain Southern California has seen in three years — was expected Friday night and Saturday.

Forecasters issued a rare blizzard warning for the Sierra Nevada, with up to 10 feet of snow expected in some areas above the 5,000-foot level, and predicted 30-foot coastal swells by Saturday.

Winds of 75 mph to 80 mph could hit the San Francisco area by Friday, with hurricane-force gusts pummeling communities all along the northern coast, forecasters

"If you're not in the Sierras by this evening, don't go. It's a life-and-death situation,' said Ken Clark, a senior meteorologist at Accuweather.com. "It's going to be an all-out blizzard.'

In Southern California, the winds were expected to be less severe, but homeowners struggling to rebuild after October's wildfires braced for torrential rain that could bring flash floods and mudslides.

"You're going to have roads getting flooded, you're going to have water channels filling up. But in the burned areas, this could be disastrous," said Clark.

Gov. Schwarzenegger announced that officials will activate state emergency operations centers in Los Alamitos Sacramento on Friday and have been coordinating with the California National Guard, the U.S. Coast Guard and local authorities.

Riverside and San Bernardino counties also deployed swift-water rescue

Lowland areas around Los Angeles and Orange County braced for up to 4 inches and mountains in Santa Barbara, Ventura, Los Angeles and San Bernardino counties could see up to 9 inches of rain.

Some south-facing slopes could get downpours totaling 15 inches, including some areas particularly prone to mudslides after fires, Clark said. Mountains around Malibu could get up to 8 inches of rain, he said, and higher elevations in San Diego County could see 7 inches.

In the Sacramento Valley, ower crews prepared for gusts up to 60 mph — the strongest in the area in a decade.

By Thursday afternoon, blustery winds had already forced some Sierra ski resorts to shut down lifts. At Alpine Meadows, four of 13 lifts were closed, said spokeswoman Rachel Woods.

Nevertheless, ski resort operators welcomed storm.

"This kind of snow is not only great for skiing, but also ensures we're going to have enough snow for the rest of the season," said Woods, spokeswoman for Lake Tahoe

State deploys flood teams, emergency personnel

Associated Press

SACRAMENTO — State and federal officials are deploying flood teams and staffing emergency centers as back-to-back storms move into California.

Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger says the state Office of Emergency Services will activate its emergency center today.

Officials are asking residents to avoid driving across flooded roads or into the Sierra, where about 10 feet of snow is predicted for higher elevations.

Forecasters say three major storms will dump rain on the mudslide-prone canyons of Southern California, produce high winds in the Sacramento Valley and create blizzard con-

ditions in the Sierra.

resorts Homewood and Alpine Meadows.

In Southern California, wind gusts between 60 mph and 80 mph in the mountains and 20 mph to 40 mph in the lowlands were expected along with rain, Clark said.

In the canyons in Orange County, where a 28,000-acre fire burned 15 homes just months ago, winding roads were periodically blocked Thursday with work crews who cleared debris from culverts, stacked hay bales and gravel-filled bags and installed concrete barriers and plastic tarps at the base of hill-

The U.S. Forest Service used airplanes and a helicopter to spread "hydromulch" — a mixture of wood pulp and a gluey substance on about 18 percent of the area burned in the Santiago Fire to keep soil in place, said spokesman Tom Lavagnino.

Canyon resident Steve Enochs, 52, said he put 80 hay bales around his backyard to keep water away from his home, which sits directly beneath a towering canyon wall that burned last fall.

"I'm worried. See that hill

up there? This whole canyon's burned and there's a huge watershed up this canyon that's all burned too," he said. "It's a pretty dangerous

threat.' Neighbor Bill LaBar, 45, seemed less concerned, but had still piled 1,600 sand bags and 20 hay bales around his property. He packed up a motorhome so his wife and

flooding, but LaBar said he planned to stay. "You take it with a grain of salt," he said. "My house has been here since 1928. Lots of stuff has happened since 1928 and it's still here, so the odds are in our favor, one way or

dog could evacuate in case of

another.' In Malibu, where November fire charred 4,000 acres and destroyed 50 homes, crews placed tarps and sand-

The storms headed toward California during a year that has turned out to be the wettest in some time.

Rain levels in downtown Los Angeles were at 97 percent of normal this week after two years of extreme drought. In San Diego, rainfall had already exceeded normal

readings with about six months to go before the end of the rain year, which runs from July 1 to June 30.

The storms also were potentially good news for the state's water supply, much of which comes from the Sierra snowpack. Snow levels along the 400-mile-long range were 60 percent of normal, according to the first of the state's annual snow surveys released Thursday.

That was little consolation to canyon residents, who evacuated for the wildfires and then twice more during heavy rains earlier this winter.

"I've lived here for 18 years and never, ever have we had anything like this happen," said Modjeska Canyon resident Wanda Myers. "I'm just hoping that we'll make it through this time."

Associated Press Writer Samantha Young contributed to this report in Sacramento.

Briefly

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Hakim and his Supreme Islamic Iraqi Council, the largest Shiite political party, in less than a week.

Peace between the two — who each control powerful militias — is seen as key to preventing the outbreak of widespread fighting in oil-rich southern Iraq, where the British military recently handed over responsibility for security to Iraq's gov-

ernment in Basra, the last province it controlled. The U.S. military, meanwhile, announced the deaths of three of its soldiers. Two were killed and a third wounded in a small arms attack Thursday in Diyala province northeast of Baghdad. A soldier was killed the previous day in south Baghdad when

his dismounted patrol hit a roadside bomb, the military said. A delegation from al-Sadr's office in Kufa, led by Sheik Muhanned al-Gharrawi, met with the Dhi Qar provincial governor Aziz Kadhim Alwan, a member of al-Hakim's party, and other local officials in Nasiriyah, about 200 miles southeast of Baghdad. In the past, al-Sadr followers have had violent clashes with the governor's guards.

Flurries hit Florida though citrus growers seem OK

TAMPA, Fla. (AP) — Flurries fell across the Sunshine State on Thursday, but it appeared that growers were spared the deep freeze they feared would devastate the nation's citrus supply. Meanwhile, California was preparing for a trio of storms expected to unleash heavy rain and snow through the weekend.

A serious freeze in Florida would have meant more damage to the nation's biggest citrus industry, already struggling from years of diseases and hurricanes. Most orange and grapefruit groves are in Central and South Florida, where temperatures hovered in high 20s and low 30s. Trees can be ruined when temperatures fall to 28 degrees for four hours. "Mother Nature cut us a break this time and now we can con-

tinue to produce the quality citrus crop Florida is known for," said Michael W. Sparks, executive vice president and CEO of grower advocacy group Florida Citrus Mutual. Temperatures were not below freezing for long enough to

cause widespread damage to Florida's citrus trees, the group said. In fact, the cold could benefit some growers because it slows down growth and hardens up citrus trees.

Britney Spears visits building that houses office of Federline's lawyer

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Paparazzi sprinted after Britney Spears on Thursday as the troubled pop princess left a building where ex-husband Kevin Federline's attorney has offices. The scramble by photographers came a day after Spears'

lawyers filed a motion in court asking to be relieved as her attorneys due to a "breakdown" in communication with their client. It wasn't immediately known what occurred during Spears' visit to the Century City office tower, but Federline's attorney, Mark Vincent Kaplan, has been trying to depose Spears as a step in the ex-couple's child-custody case.





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